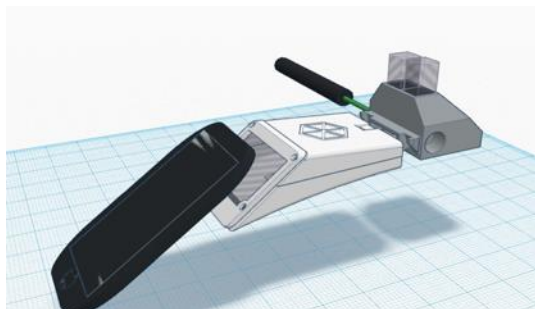


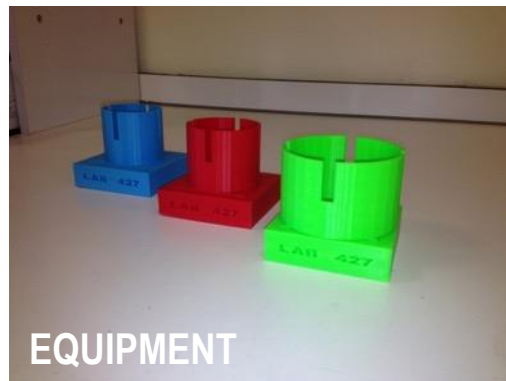
# 3D Printing in the Catalysts of Batch and Flow Reactions

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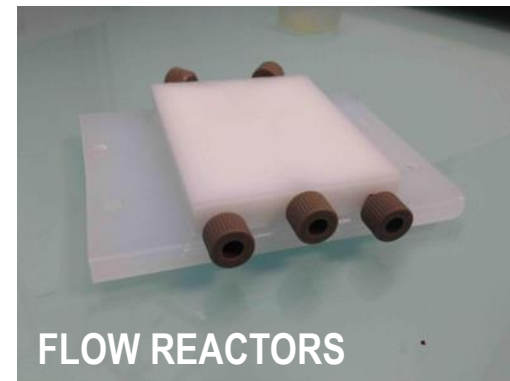
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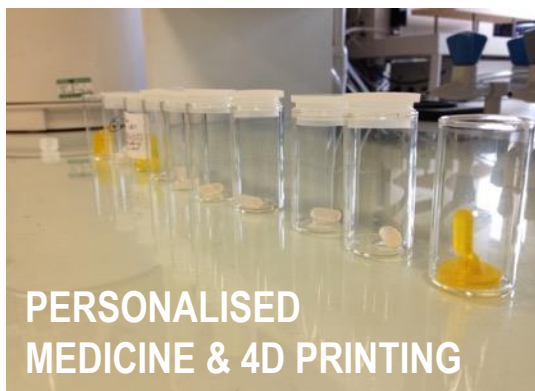
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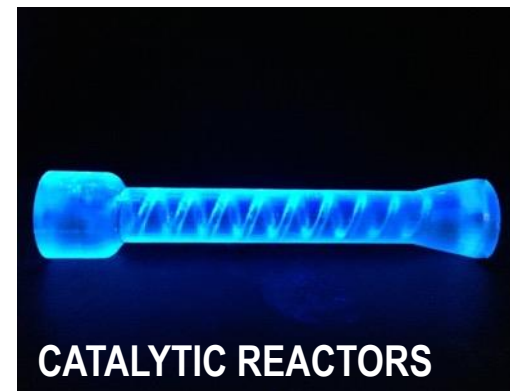
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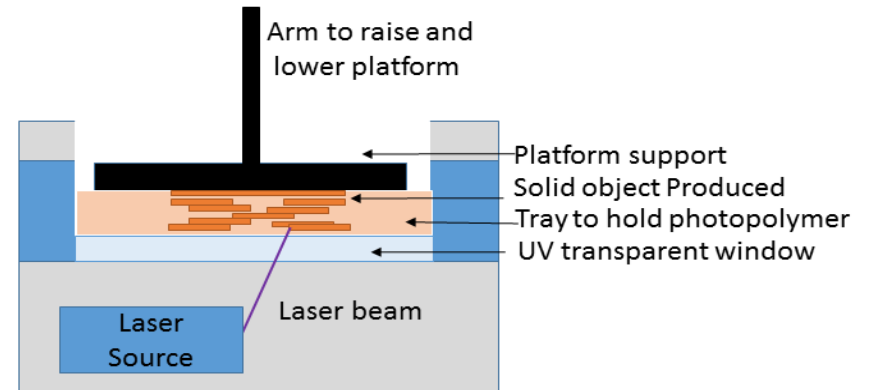
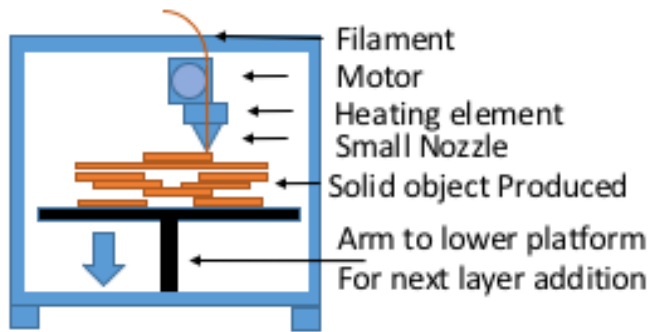
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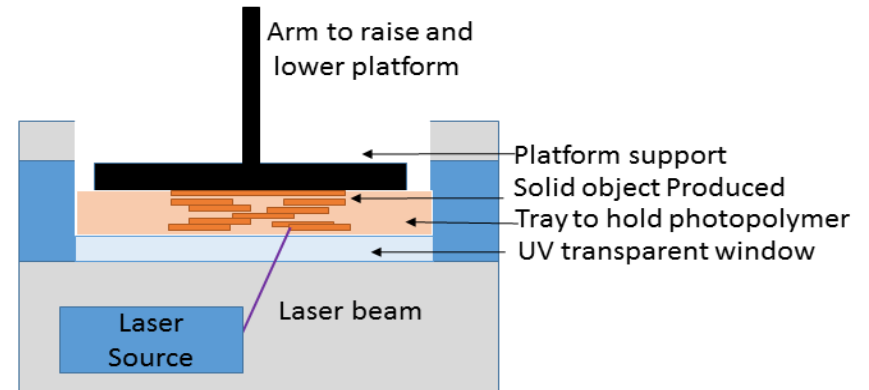
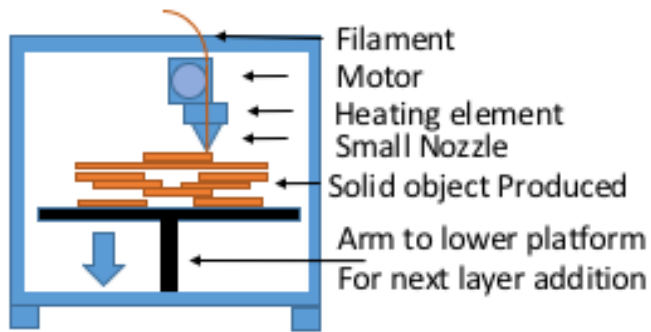
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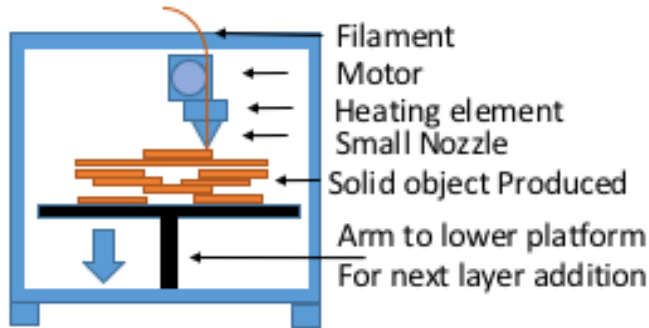


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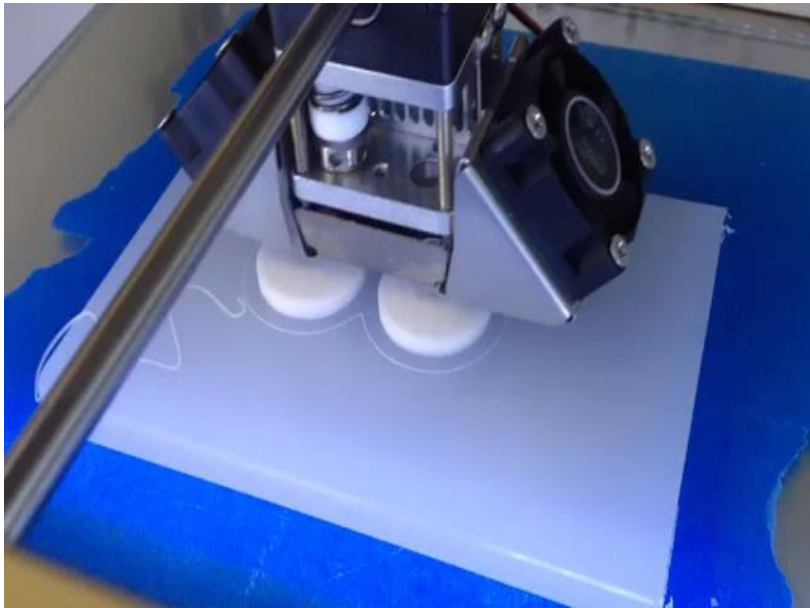
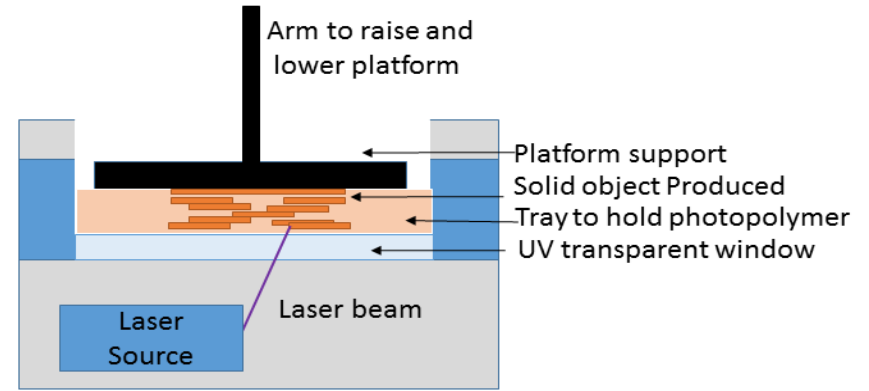
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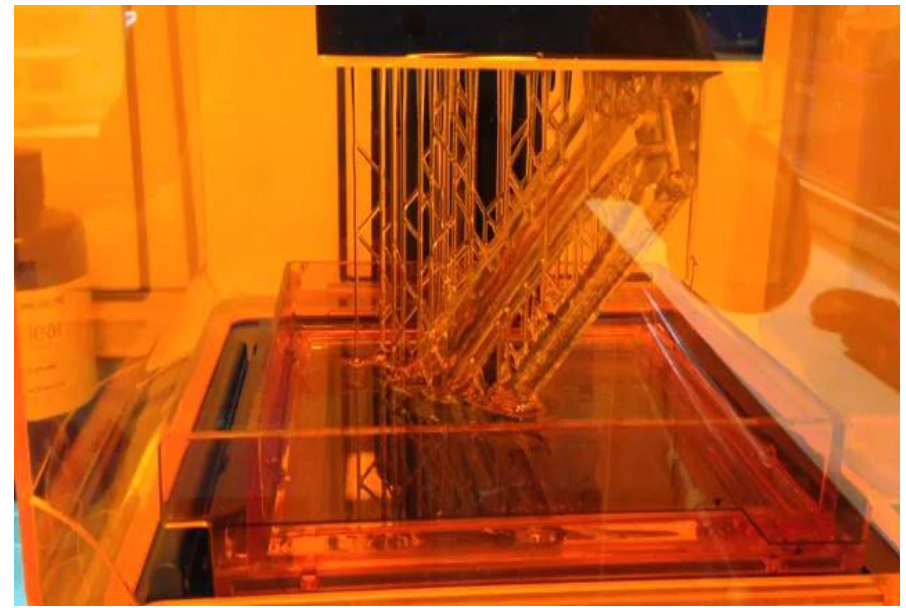
## FDM Printing



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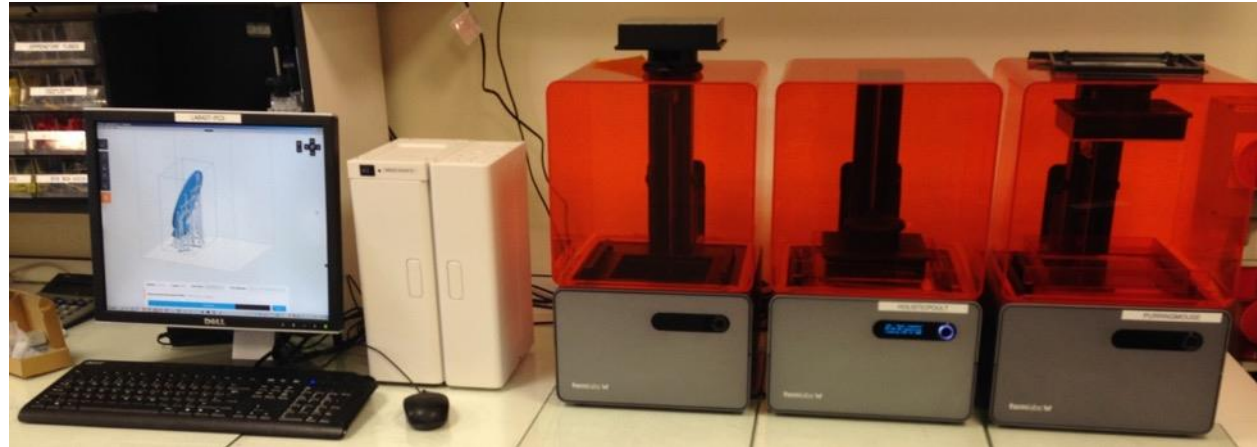
**Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) Printers**



**Stereolithography (SLA) Printers**

## Total of 17 3D Printers

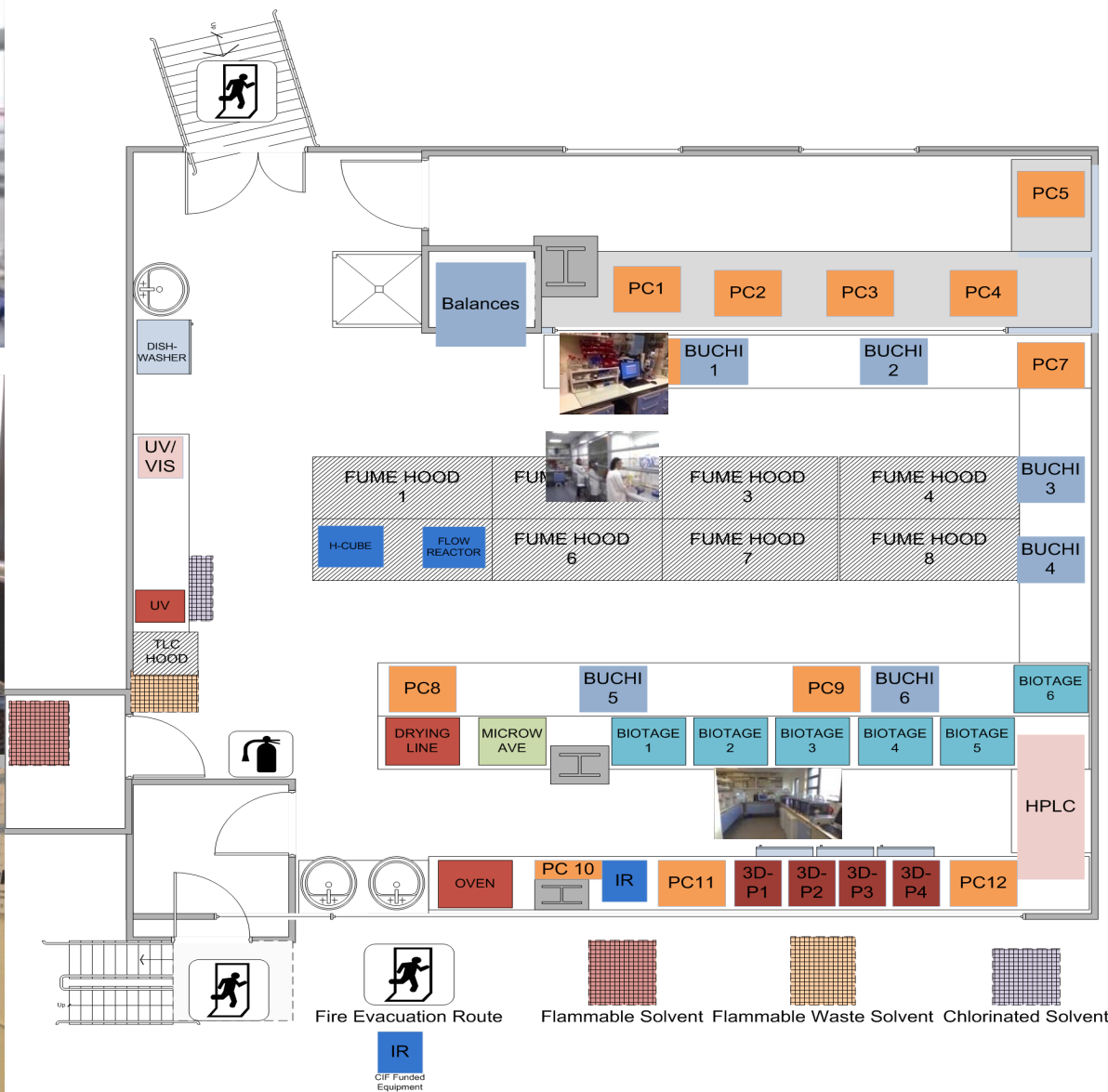
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- Miicraft
- FormLabs Form 1+
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- 3Drag



**Stereolithography (SLA) Printers**



**Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) Printers**



**Complex Chemistry**

**Heterocycle Formation**

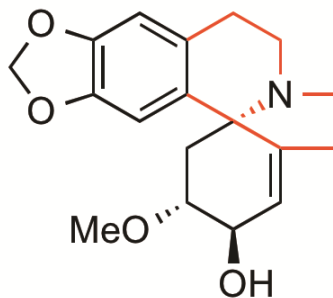
**Flow / Batch Chemistry**

**Scale-up synthesis**

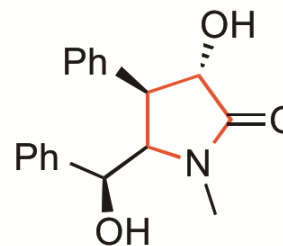
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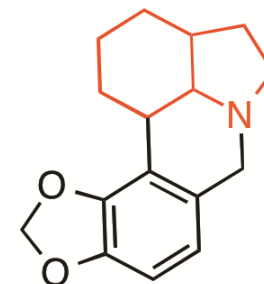
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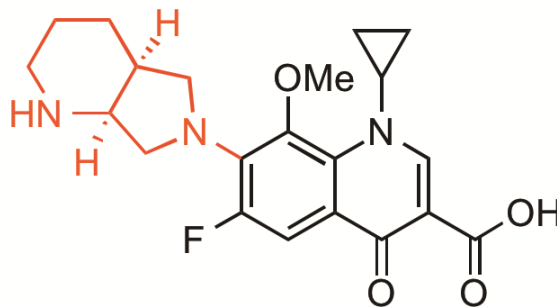
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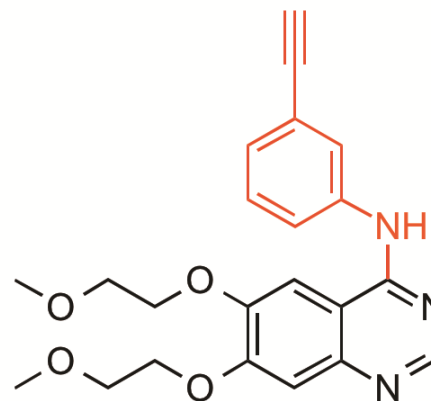
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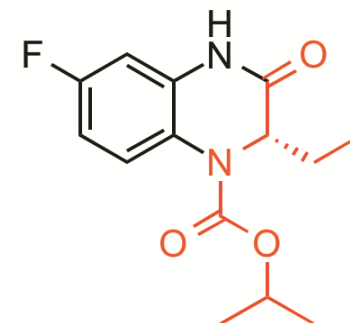
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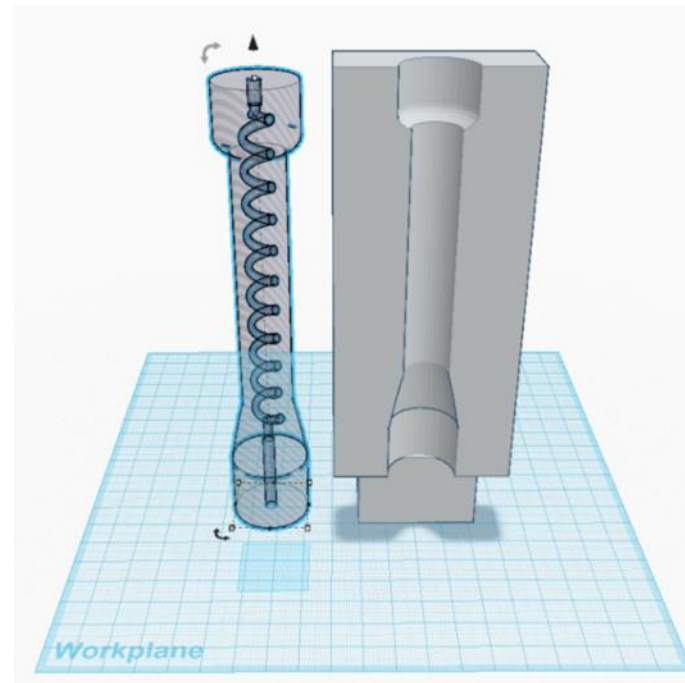
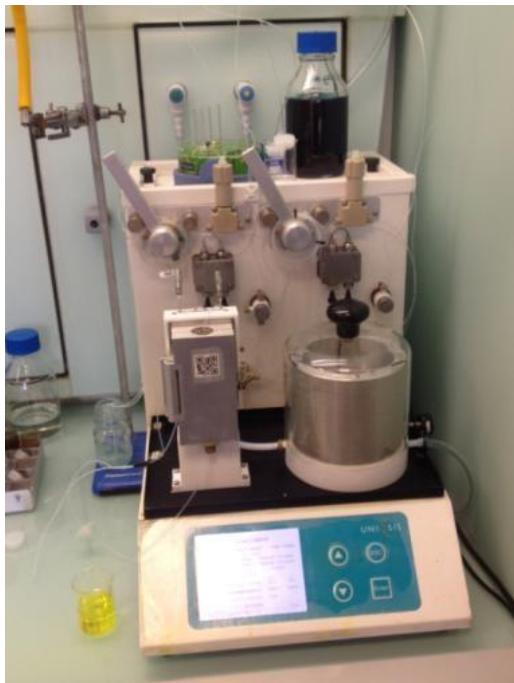
**Moxifloxacin**



**Erlotinib**



**Quinoxaline core**



**Develop reactors to take the place of the glass column reactor**

## Flow Chemistry - 3D Printing for prototyping/ reactions

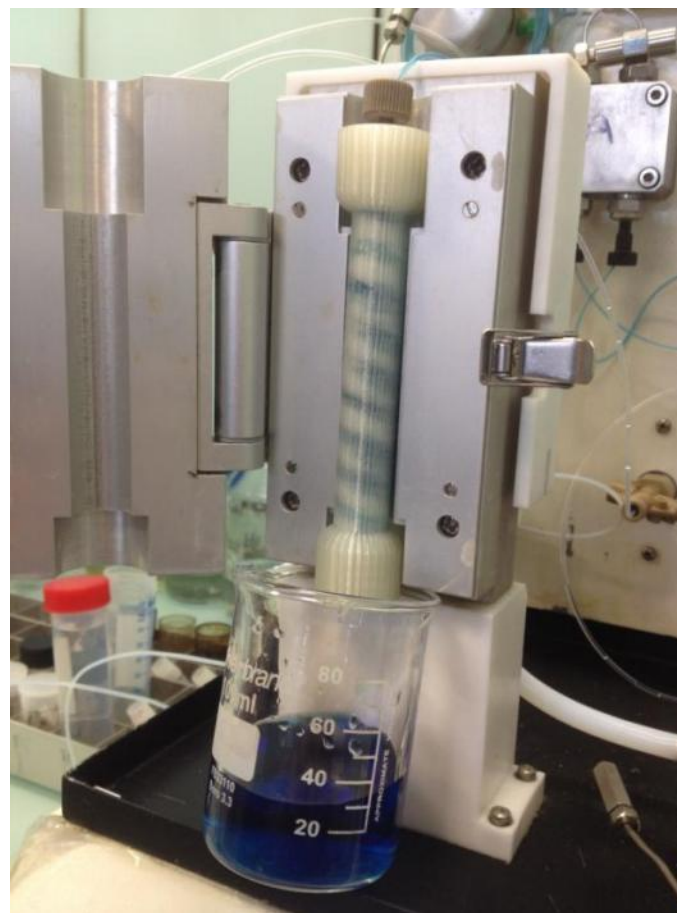
**Design based on long contact time with the heated element as shown**

**Unable to be produced using conventional technology**

**Prototype shown is in PLA**

**Printed at 100% infill, 9 shells**

**100 Micron accuracy**



## Flow Chemistry - 3D Printing for prototyping/ reactions

**Reactor printed in  
polypropylene**

**Total weight = 21 g  
Internal volume = 1.6 mL**

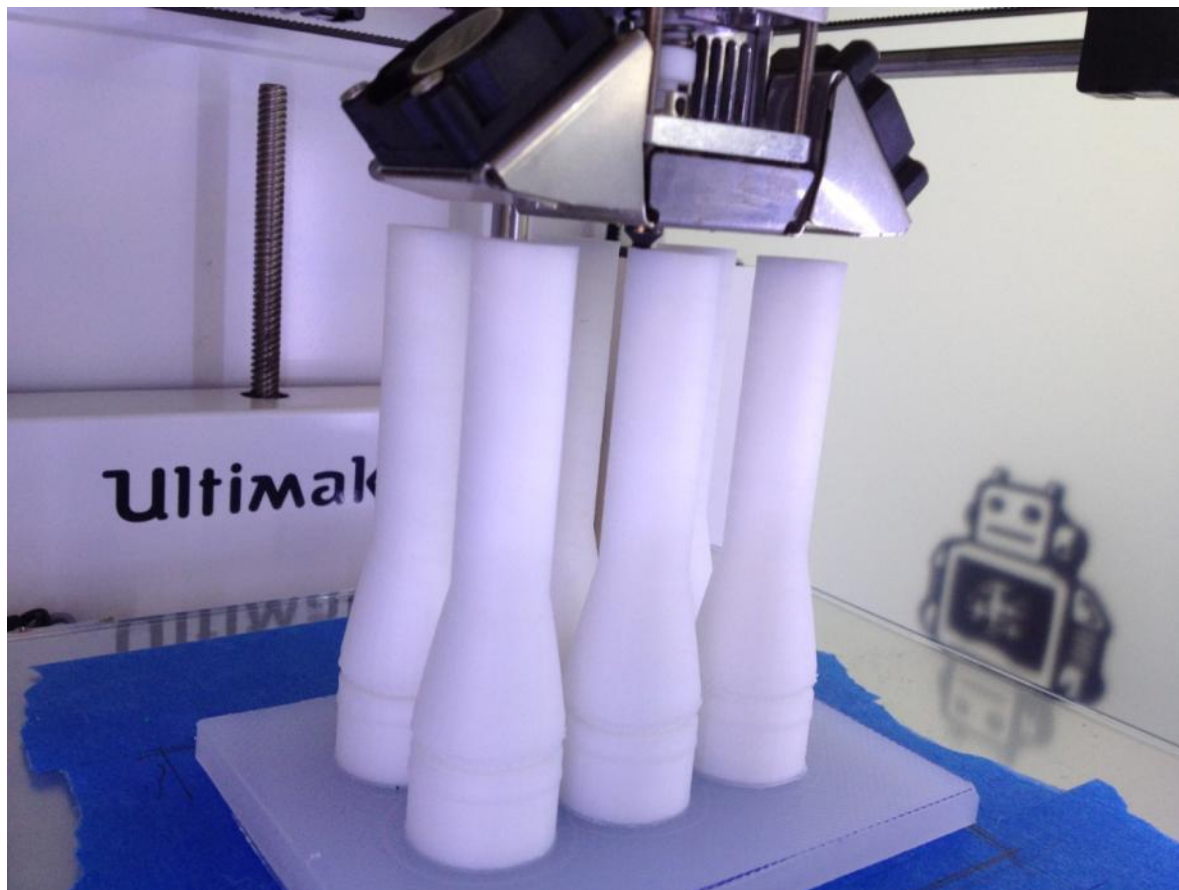
**Print time 6 hours**

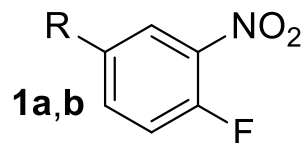
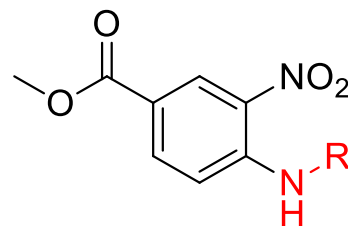
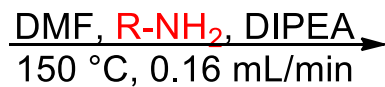
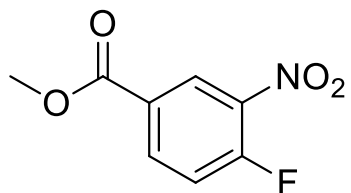
**Material flow 110%**

**Capable of being heated to  
150 C**

**Cost per reactor = £0.56**

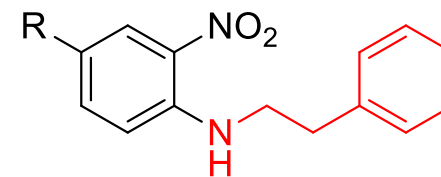
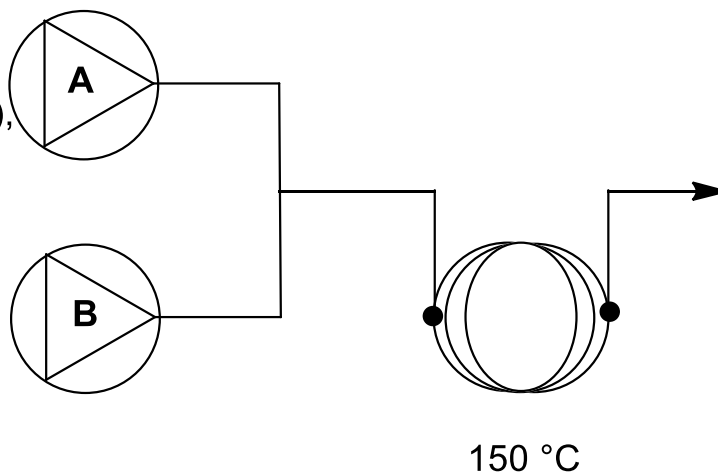
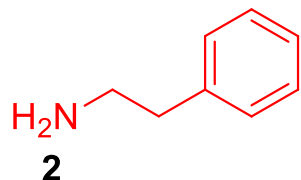
**glass reactor column = £180**





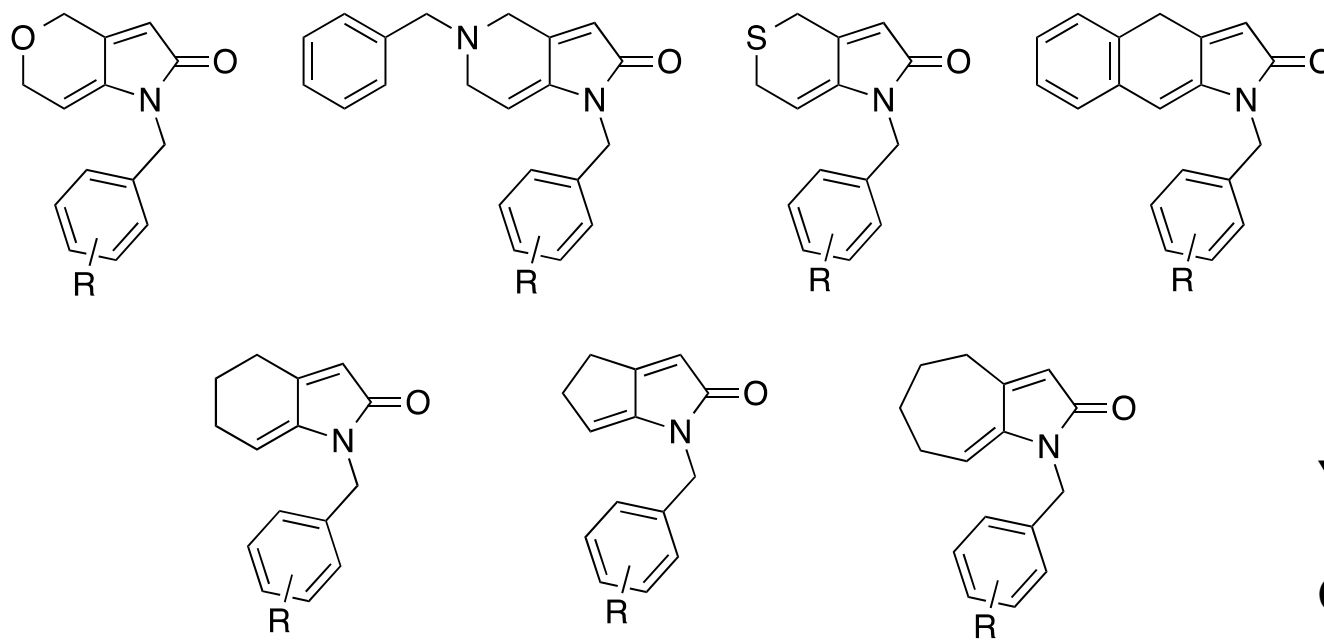
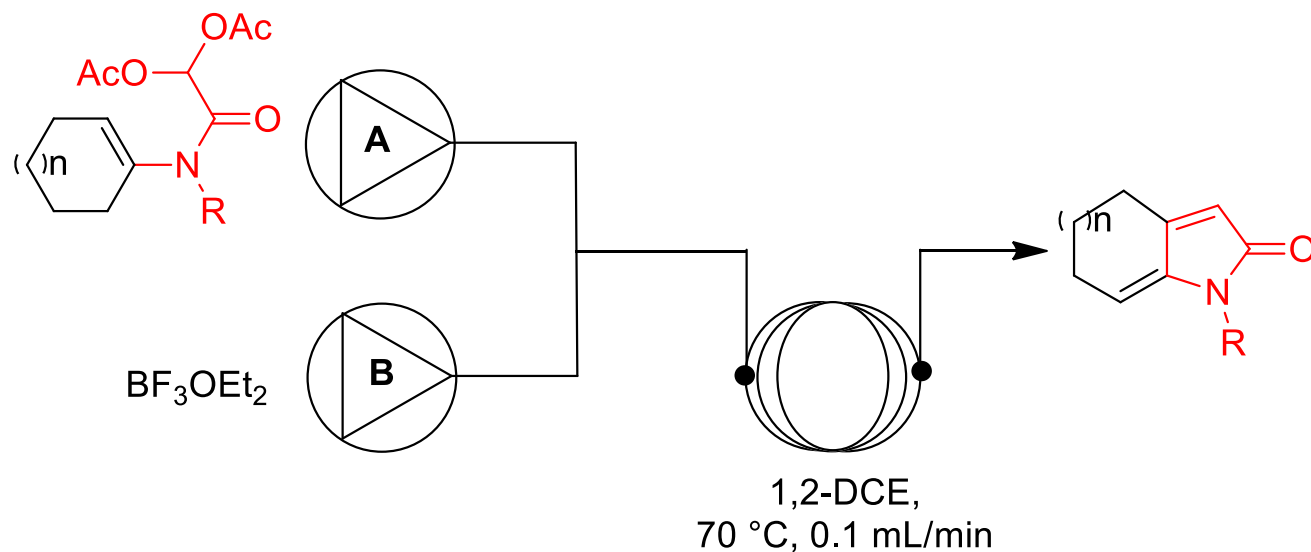
0.25 mL/min, DIPEA (2eq),  
DMF

0.16 mL/min, DMF



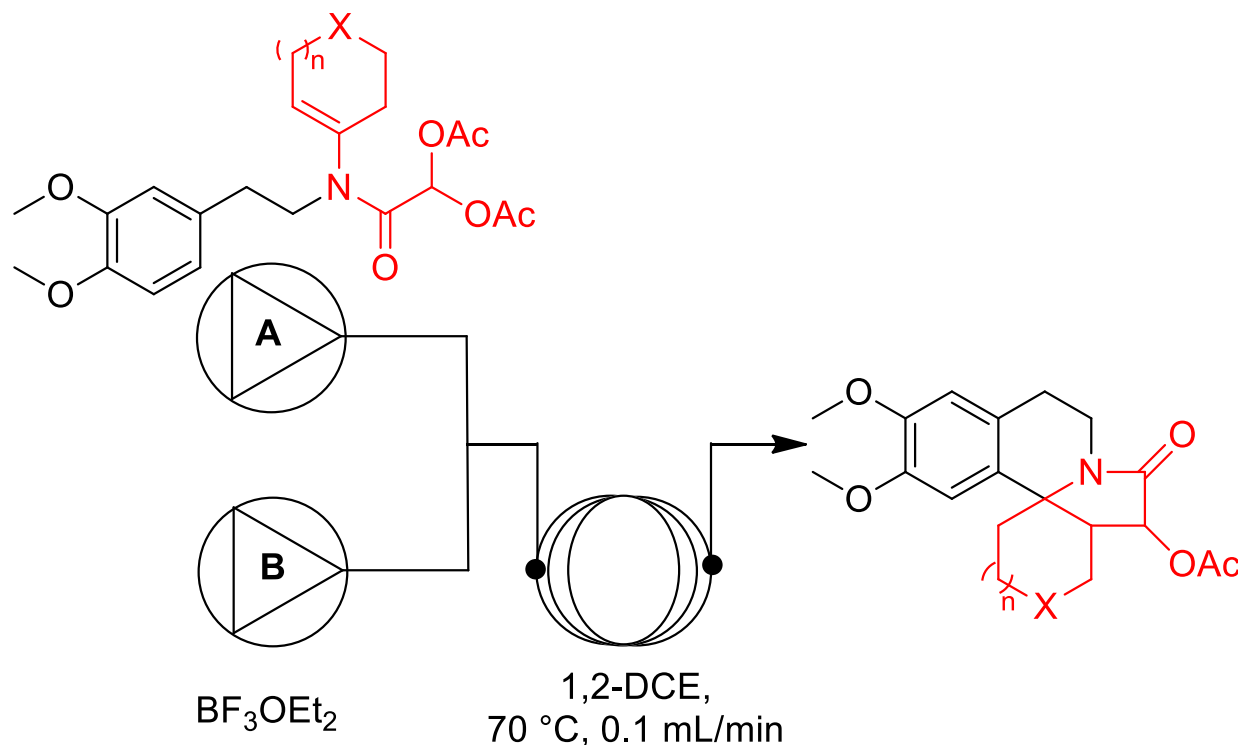
**3a** : 66% conversion  
**3b** : 100% conversion

a R=H; b R=CO<sub>2</sub>Me



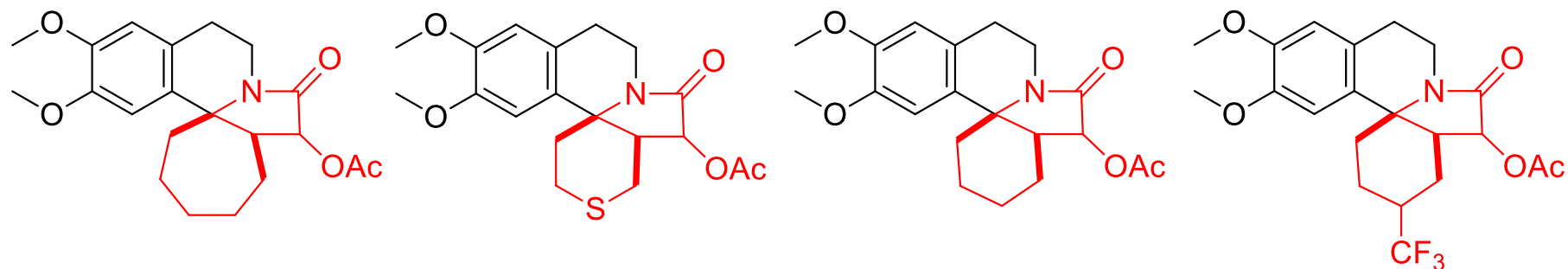
**Yields 40-70%**

**Gram scales**

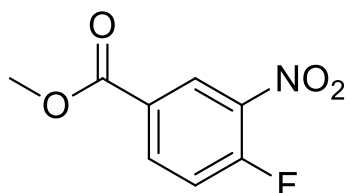


**Yields 50-80%**

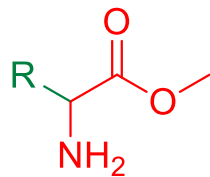
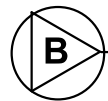
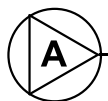
**Single Diastereoisomer**



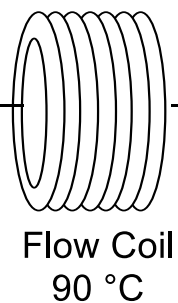
## Flow Chemistry - 3D Printing – extension to Hydrogenation



IPA, DIPEA (2eq)



IPA, H<sub>2</sub>O

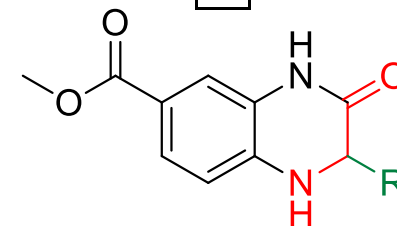
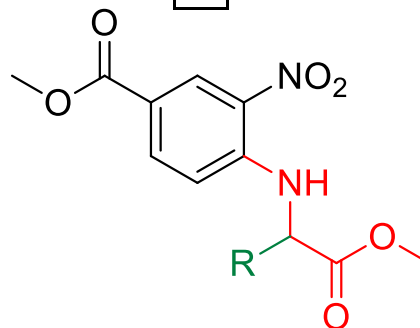


BPR

Heating Block

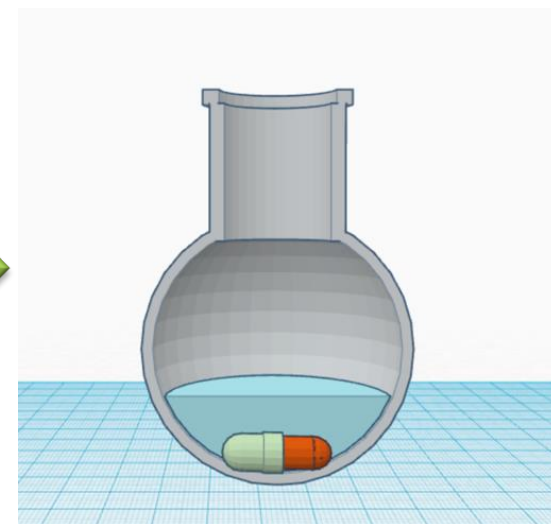
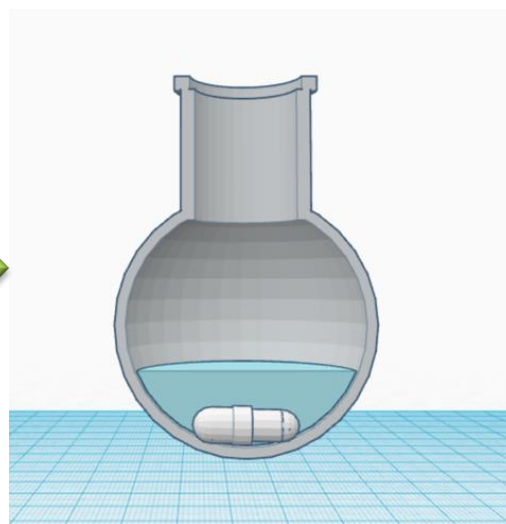
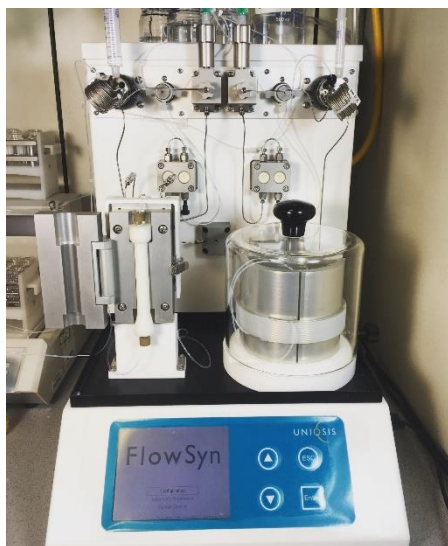
10%Pd/C

80 °C



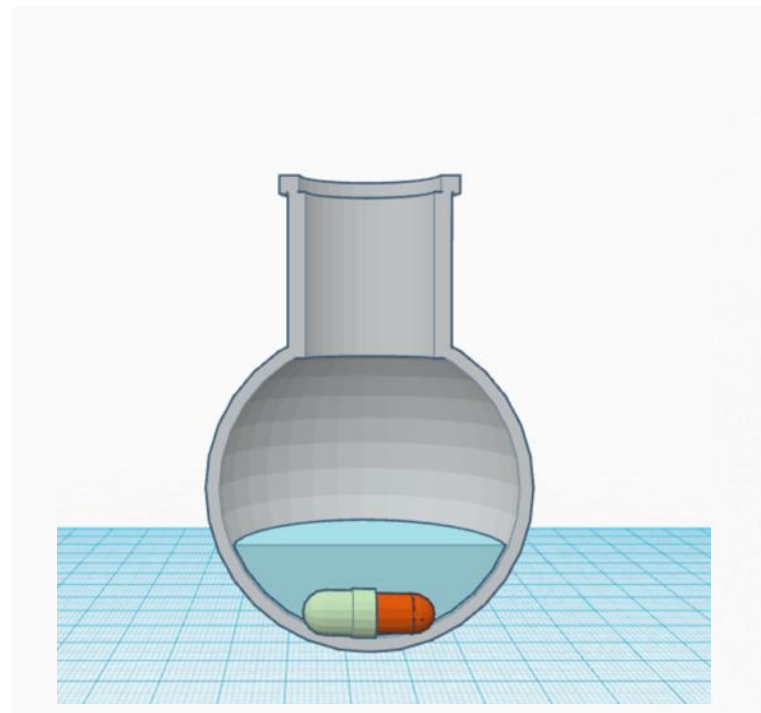
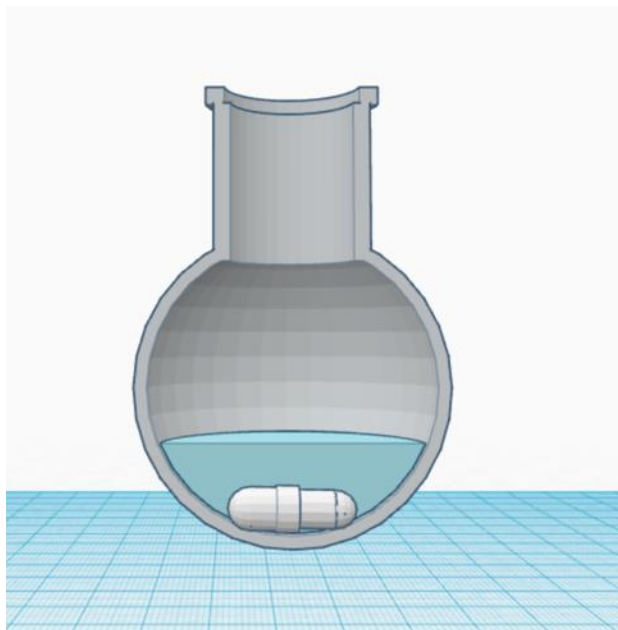
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### 3D Printing Catalysis in Batch Chemistry

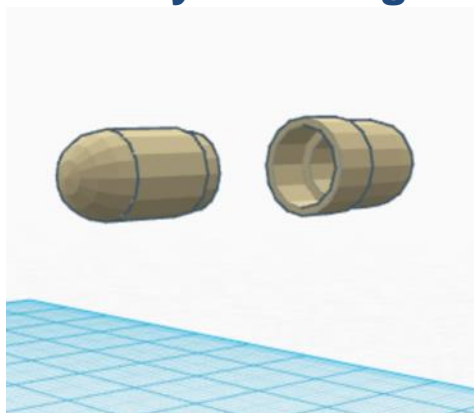


**Concept of catalytically active stirrer beads incorporating range of catalysts using FDM Printing**

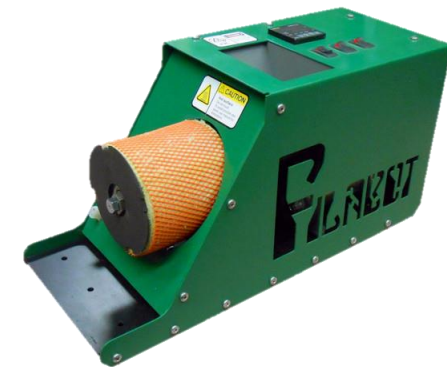
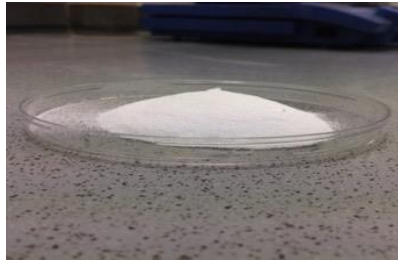
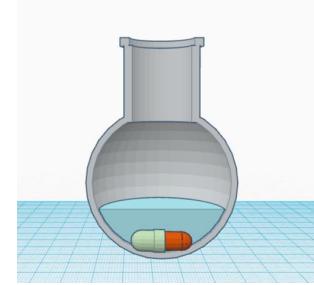
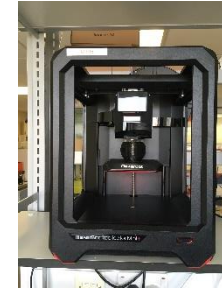
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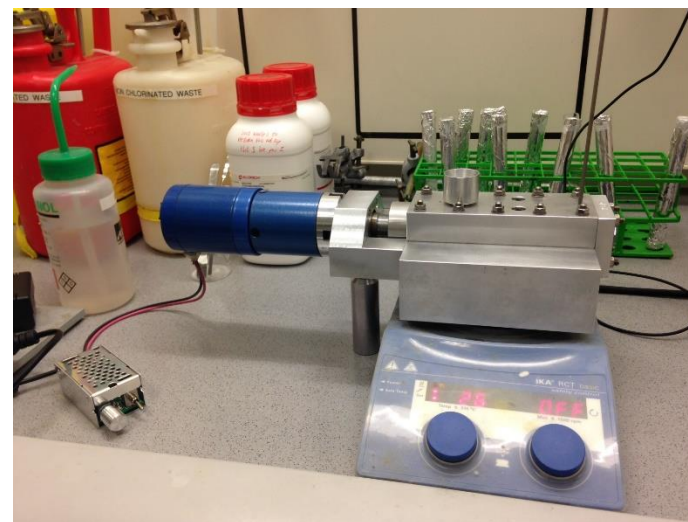
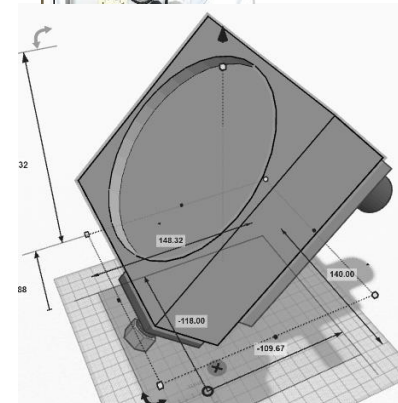
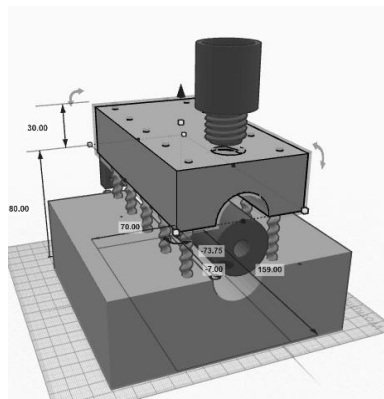
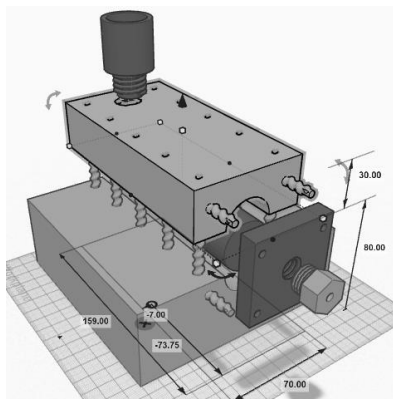
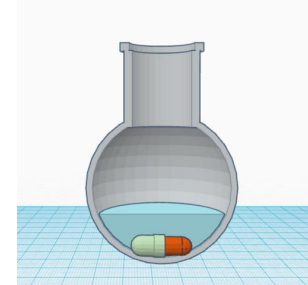
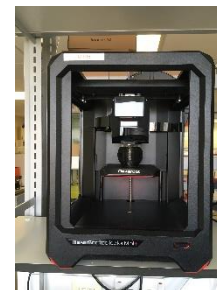
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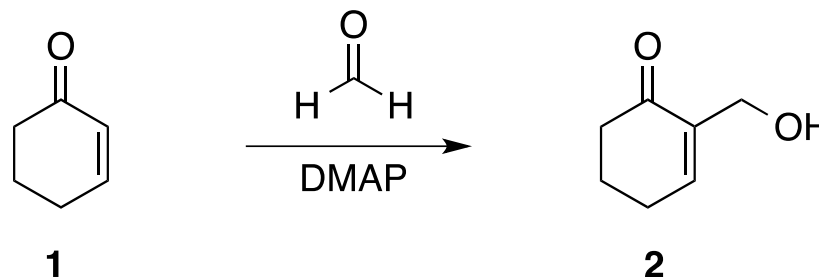
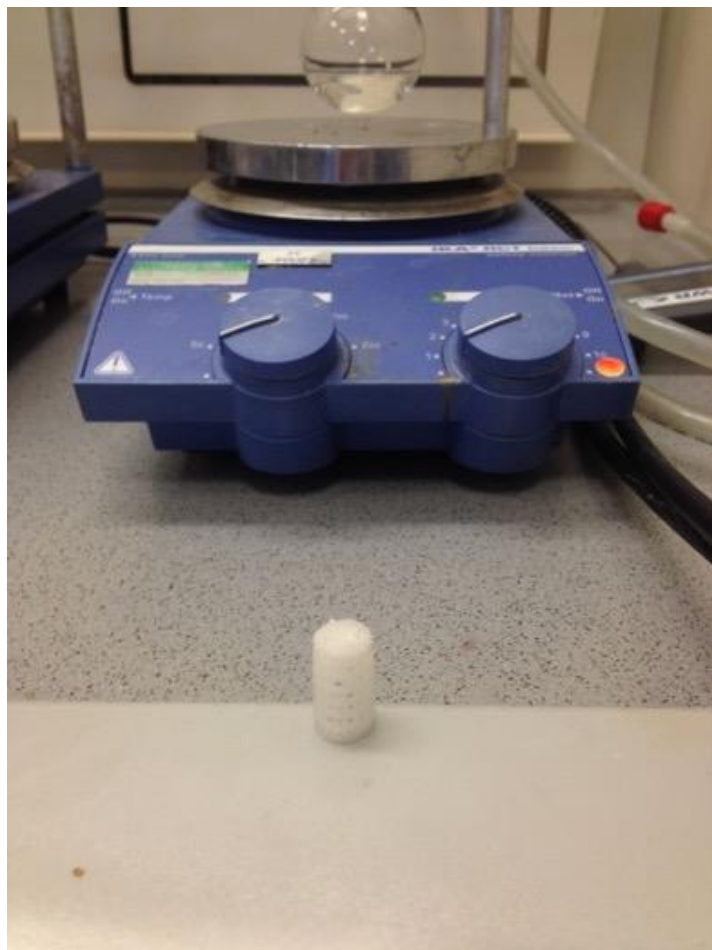
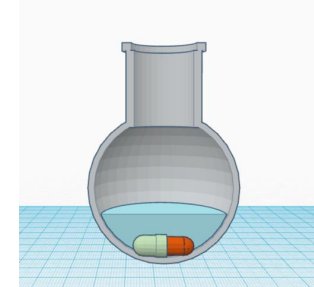
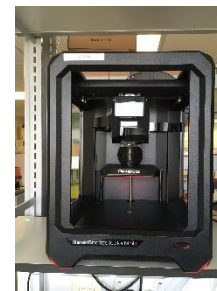
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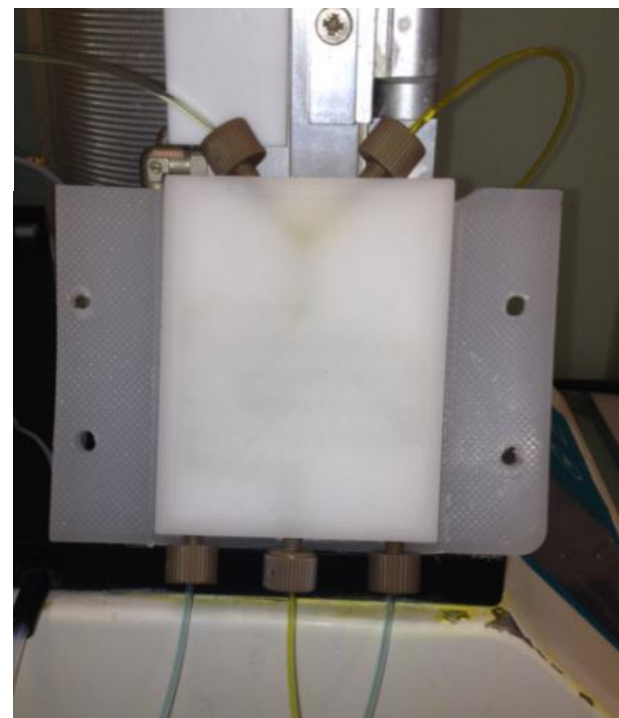
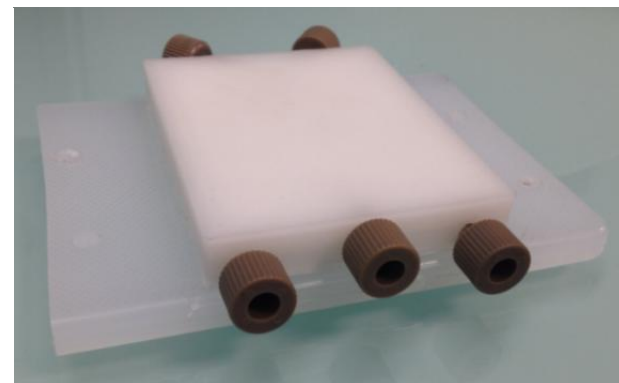
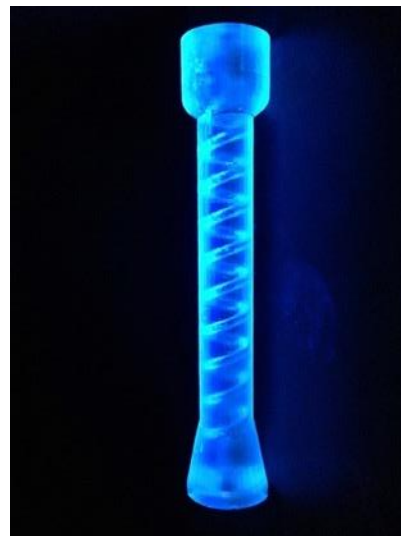
## 3D Printing Catalysis in Batch Chemistry- Incorporation of DMAP into Polypropylene using FDM Printing



**Yields: 50-80%**

**Reactor Design crucial**  
**FDM Printing uses Polypropylene and PVDF as inert polymers**

**Incorporation of catalysts**  
**Extension to SLA would increase resolution and utility - 25 micron – Problem of Solvent Resistance**



## Stereolithography (SLA) Printing gives greater access to complex structures

### Challenge of solvent resistance

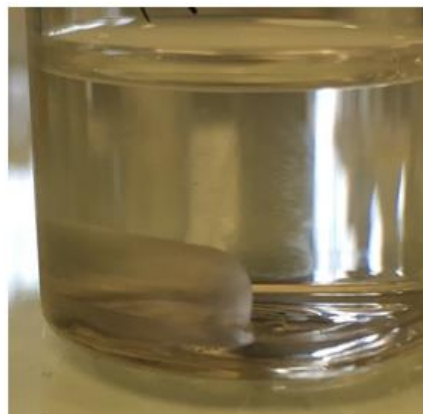
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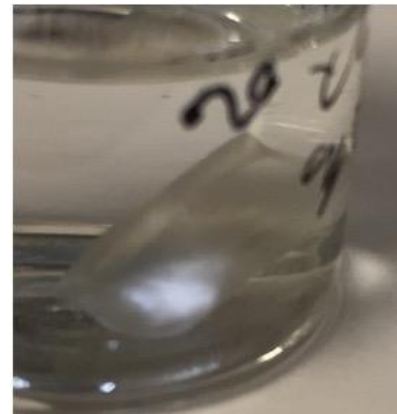
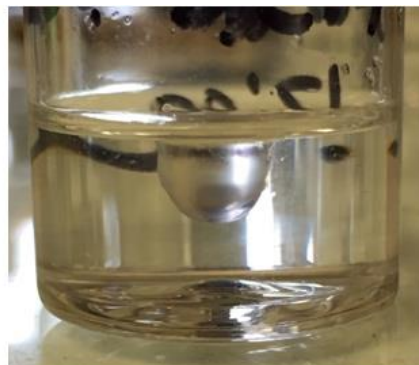
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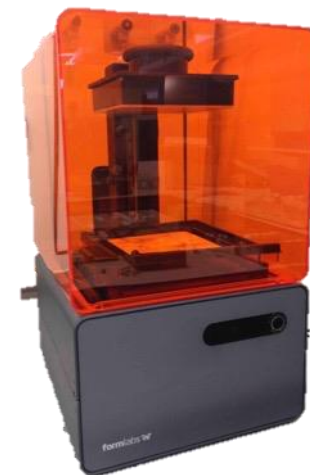
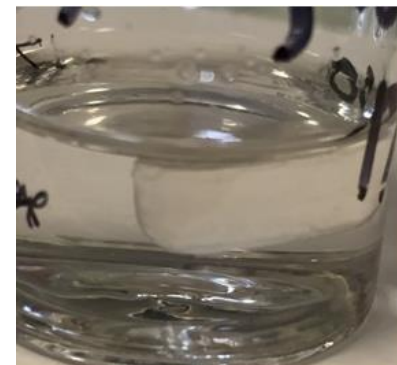
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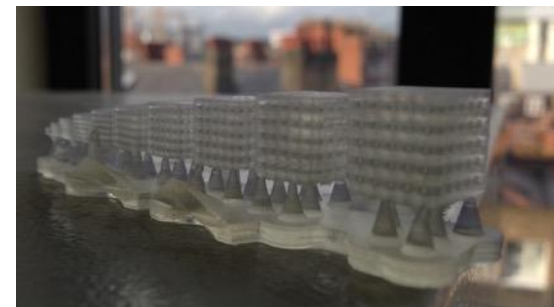
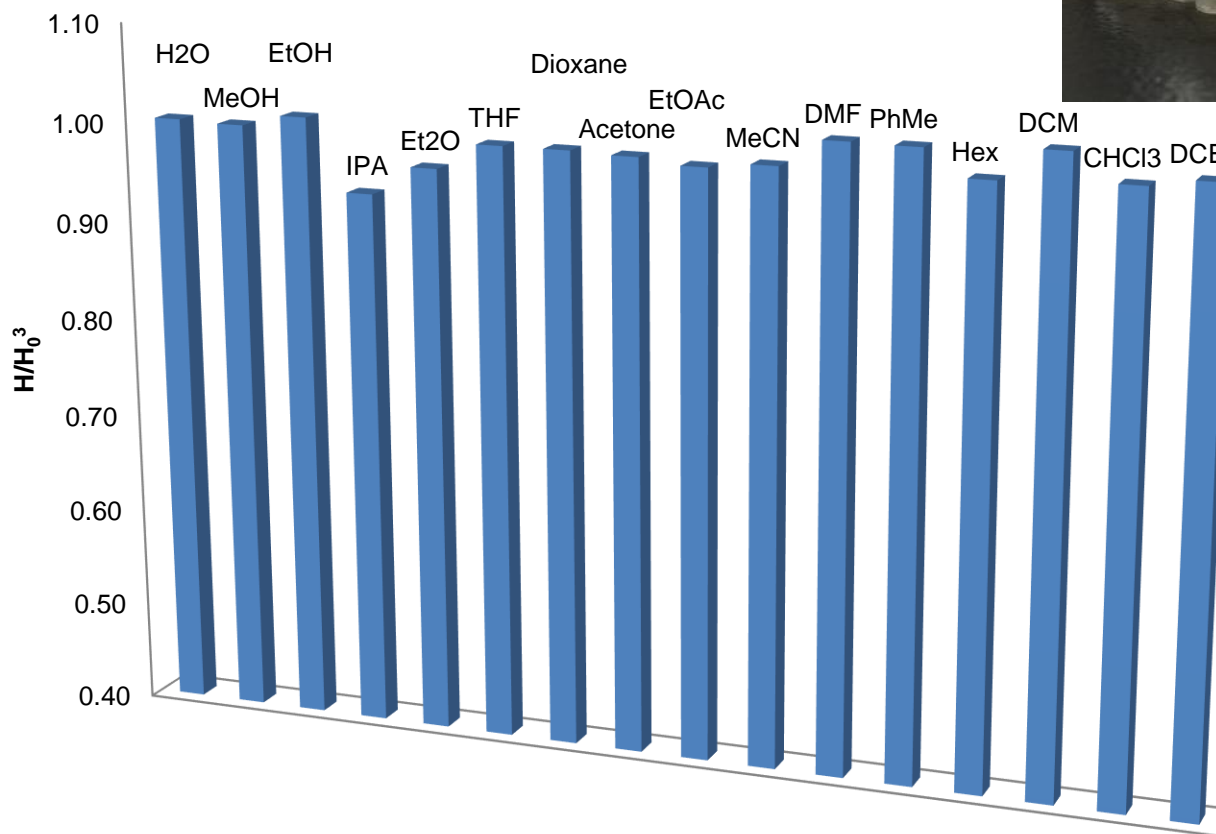
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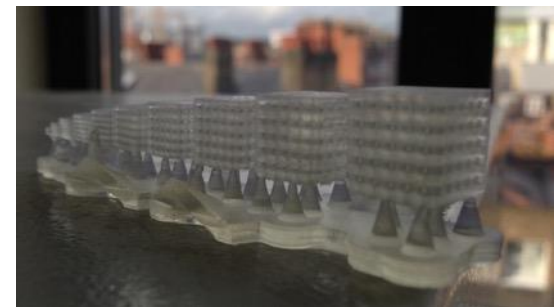
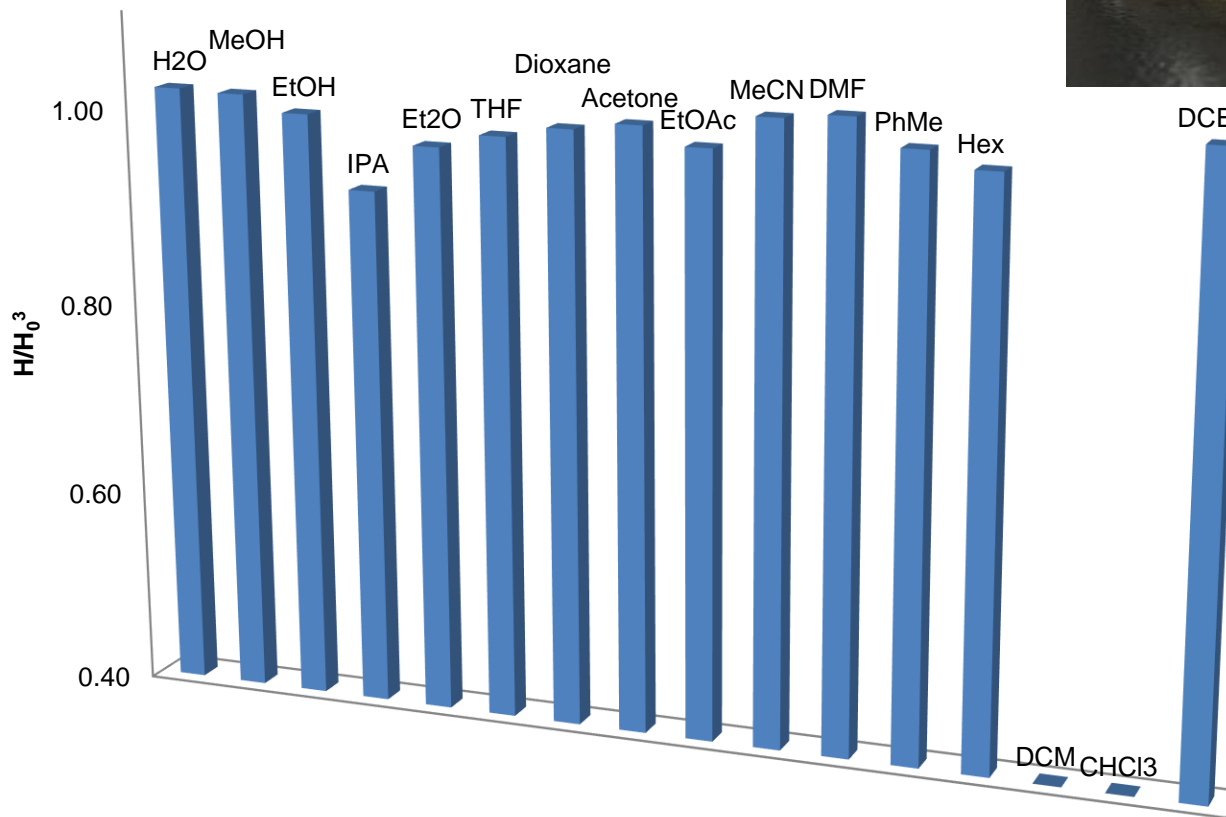
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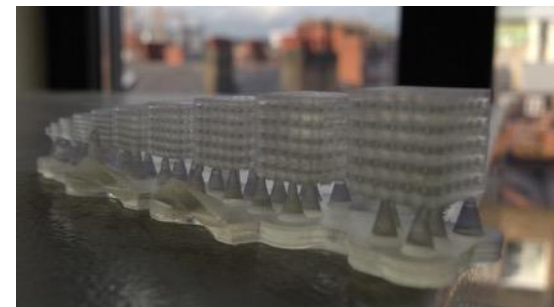


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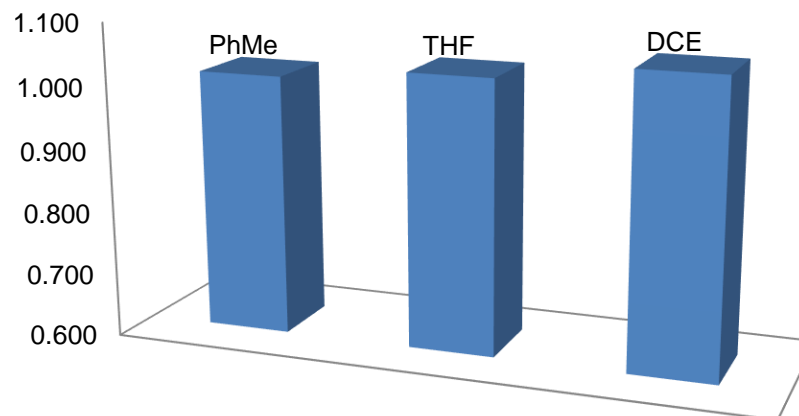


## Swelling after 2 weeks

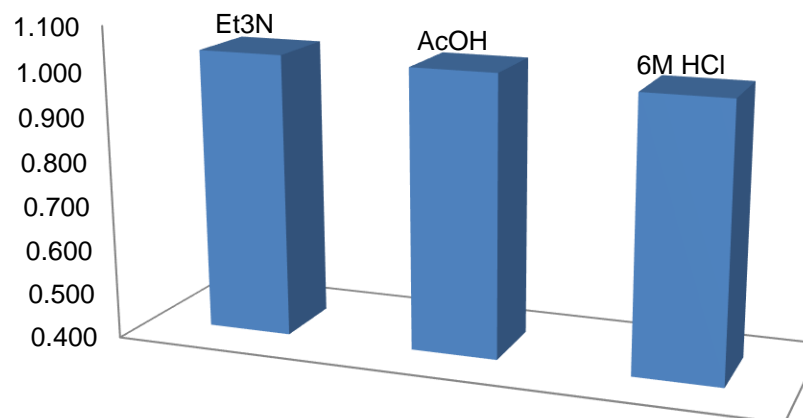




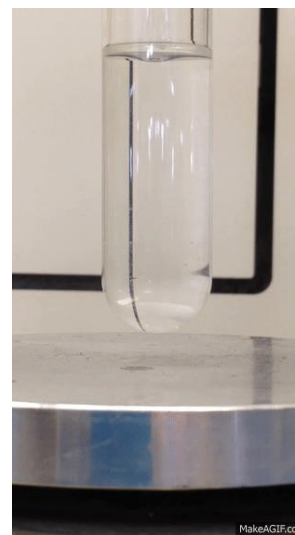
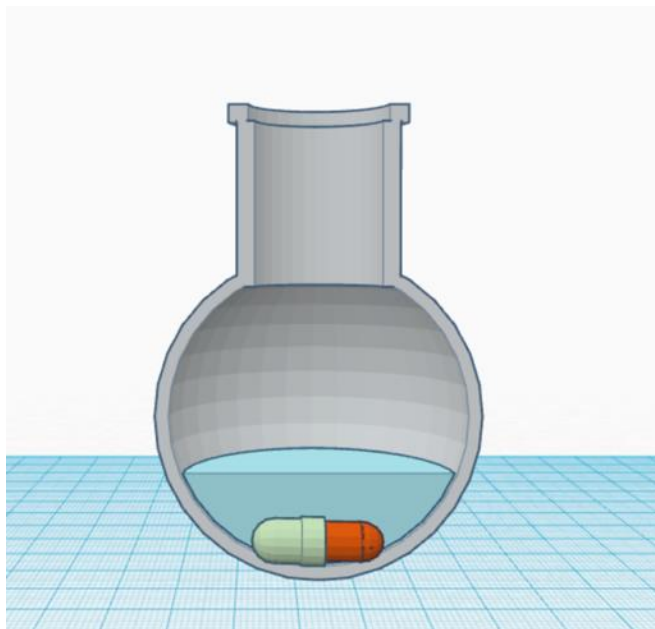
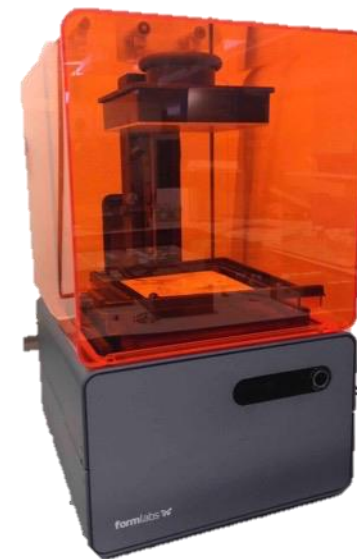
## Resistance in Refluxing solvent



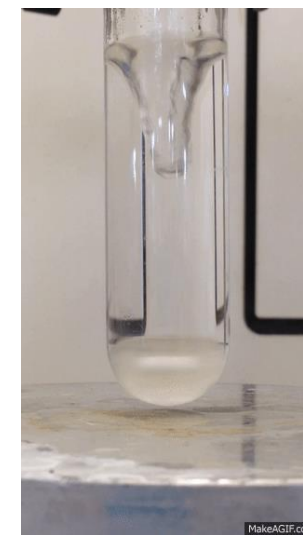
## Chemical resistance



- Stereolithography (SLA) printing
- Shape designed to maximise surface area and solvent mixing
- Catalyst loading between 5-10% (w/v)
- Resistant to nearly all solvents



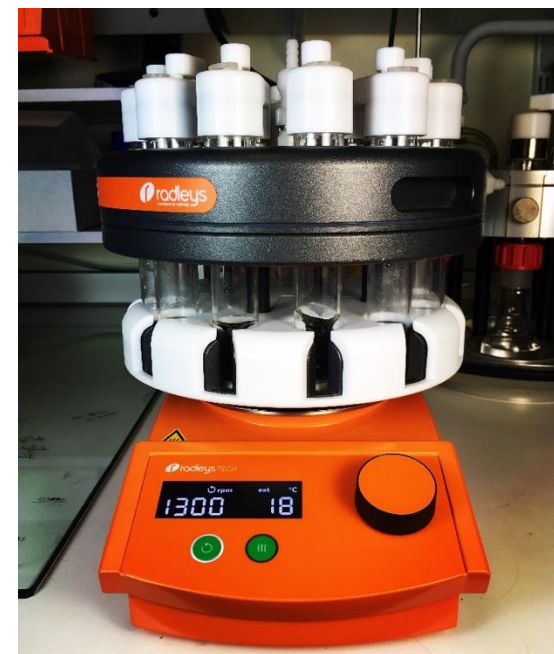
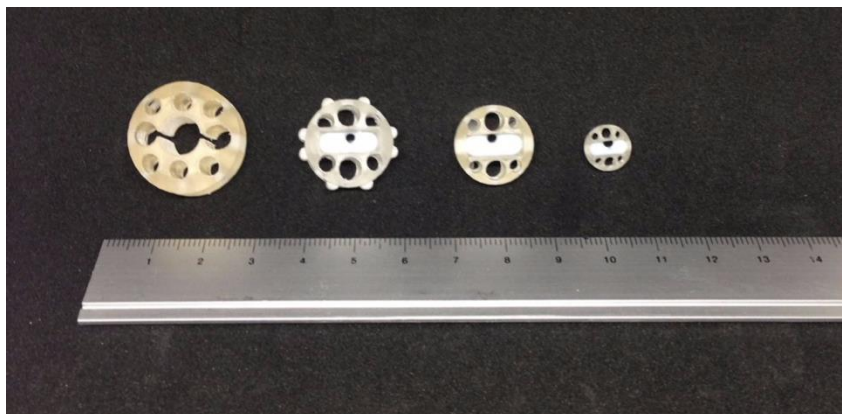
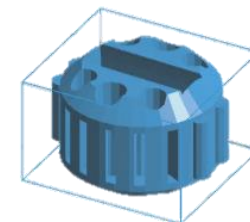
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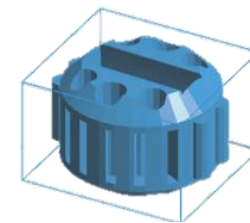
## Redesigned for a range of reaction sizes:

- Microwave
- Radleys Carousel
- Round Bottom Flask
- Larger Batch Scale



## Efficient Mixing of Reactions

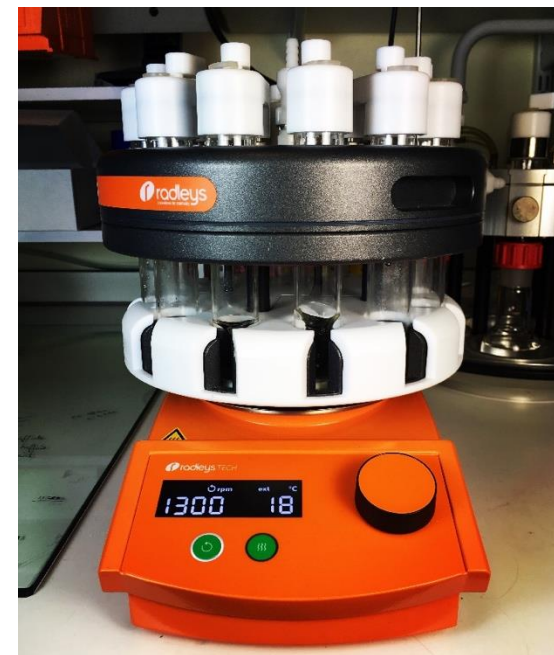
Increased Vortex and mixing of solution

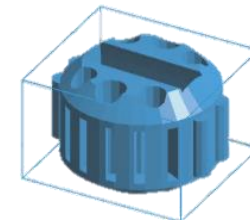


Normal Stirrer



3DS Stirrer





Reaction  
Classes

Lewis Acid  
Catalysis

Copper  
Catalysis

Palladium  
Catalysis

Base  
Catalysis

Mannich

Click  
Chemistry

Suzuki

Acylation

Hantzsch

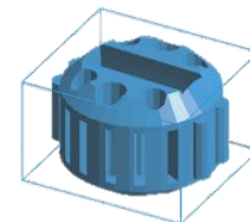
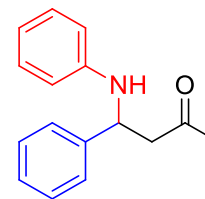
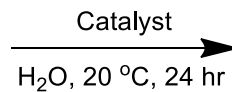
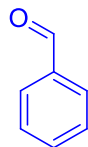
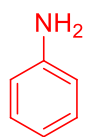
Chan Lam

Sonogashira

Amide  
Formation

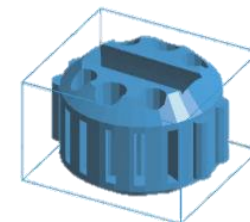
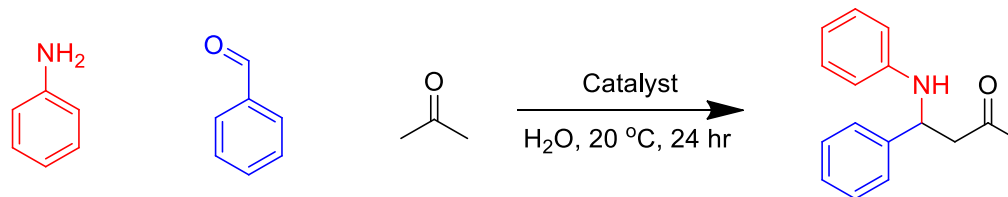
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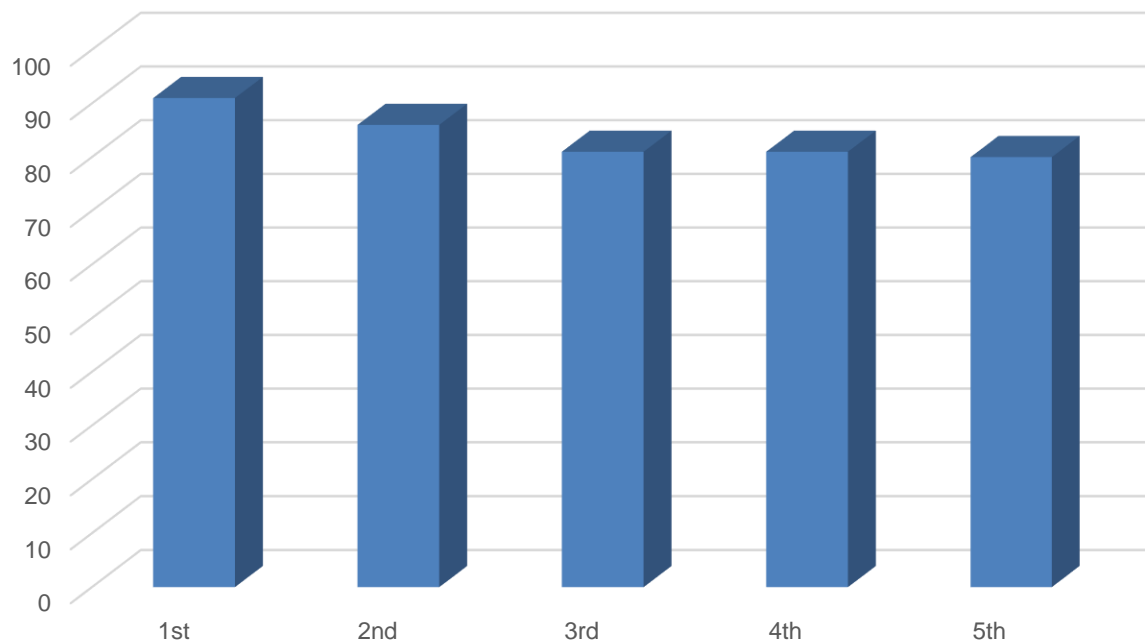
Mannich  
Reaction

	Yield (%)
5% pTsOH impregnated stirrer bar	84
pTsOH impregnated stirrer bar (2 <sup>nd</sup> use)	81
TsOH	84
No catalyst	20

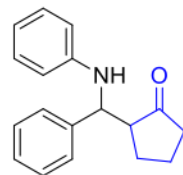
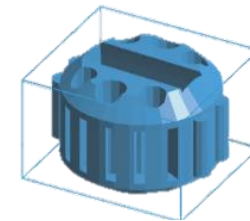
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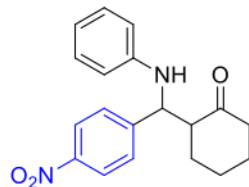
### Reuse of pTsOH Catalytic Stirrer Beads



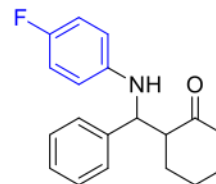
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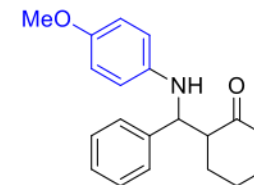
No reaction with stirrer  
or free pTsOH



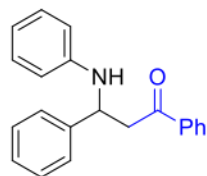
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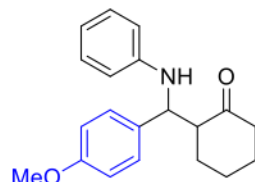
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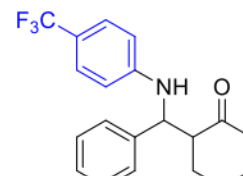
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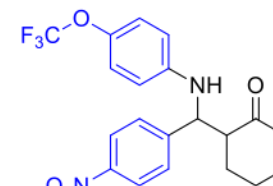
52% (24 h)  
47%  
22% (20 h)  
0% (water)



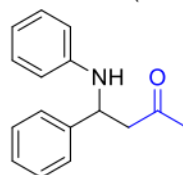
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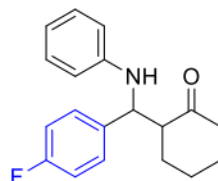
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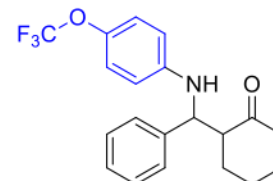
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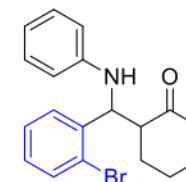
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17% (22 h)



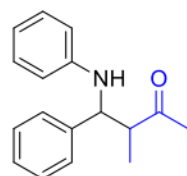
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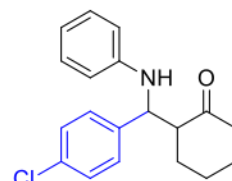
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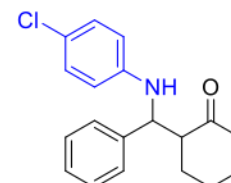
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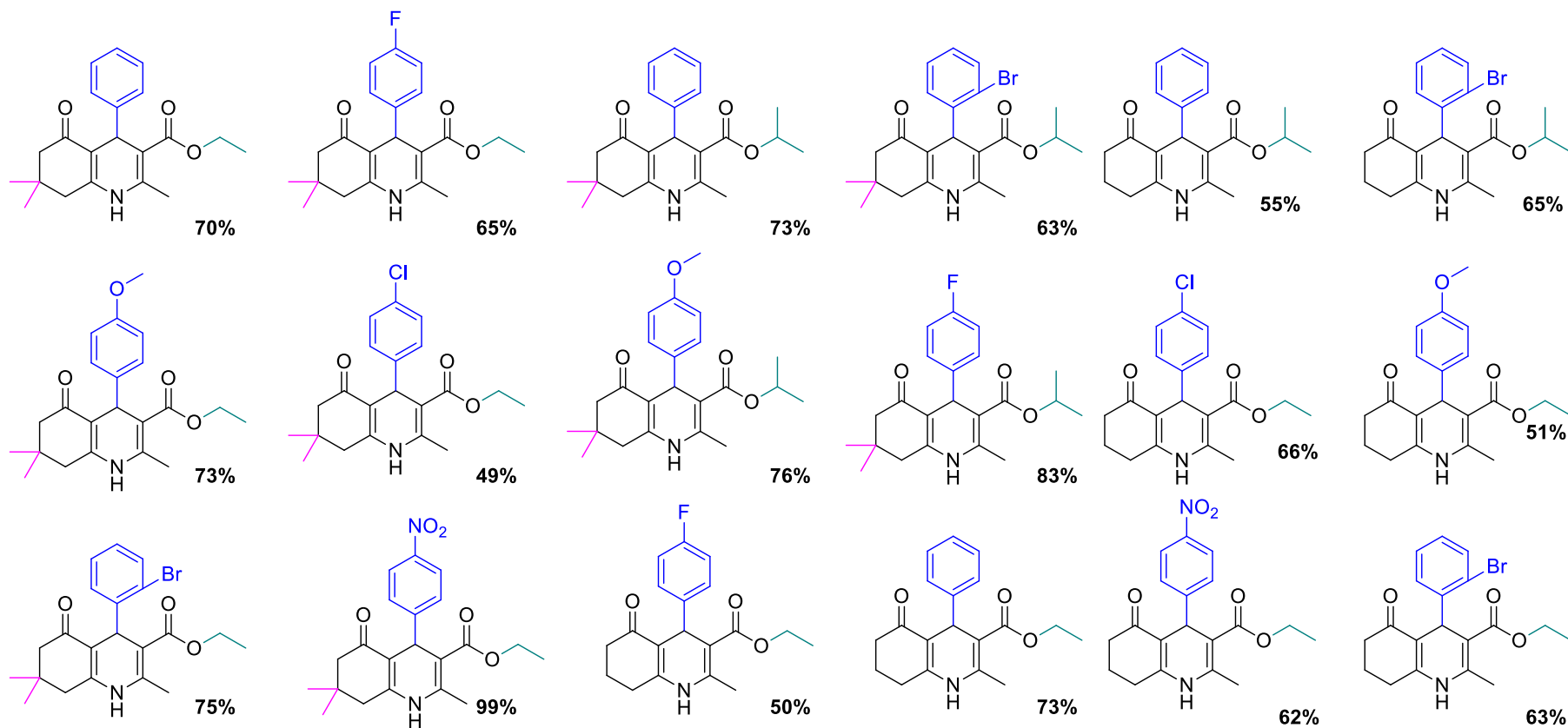
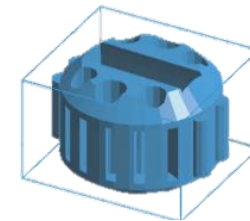
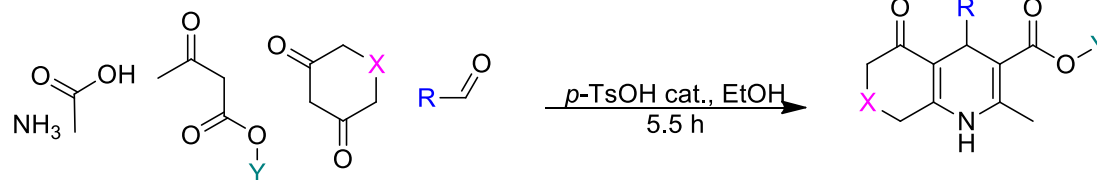


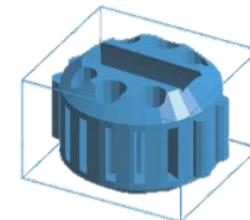
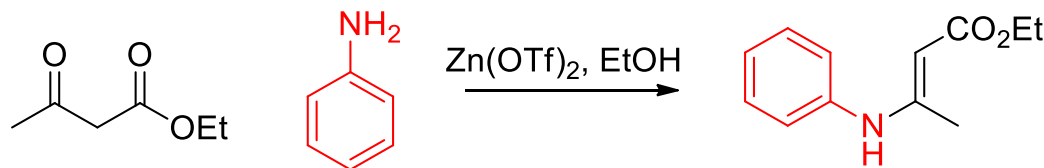
70%



72%

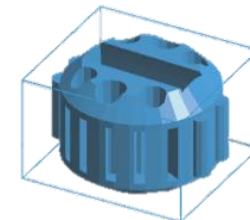
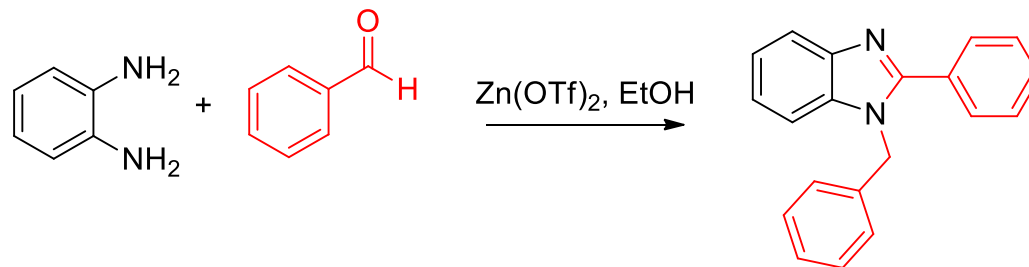
## Hantzsch Synthesis



Heterocycle  
Formation

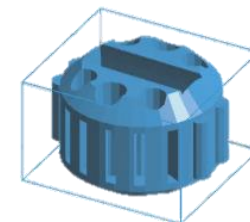
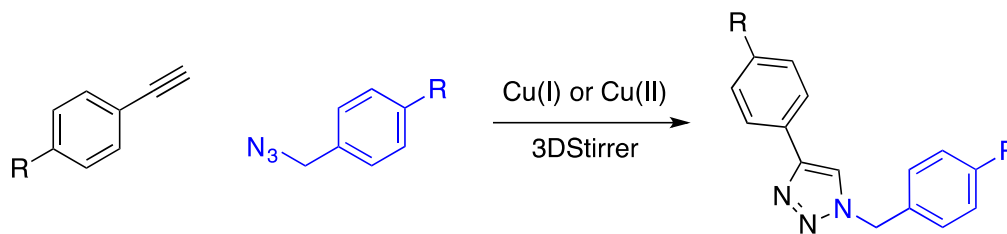
Entry	Reaction Time (hr)	Yield (%)
3D Stirrer Bead + No Catalyst	5	28
Normal Stirrer + Powdered Catalyst	2.5	60
3D Stirrer Bead + Powdered Catalyst	2.5	70
Catalyst Impregnated Stirrer Bead	5	86

Heterocycle  
Formation

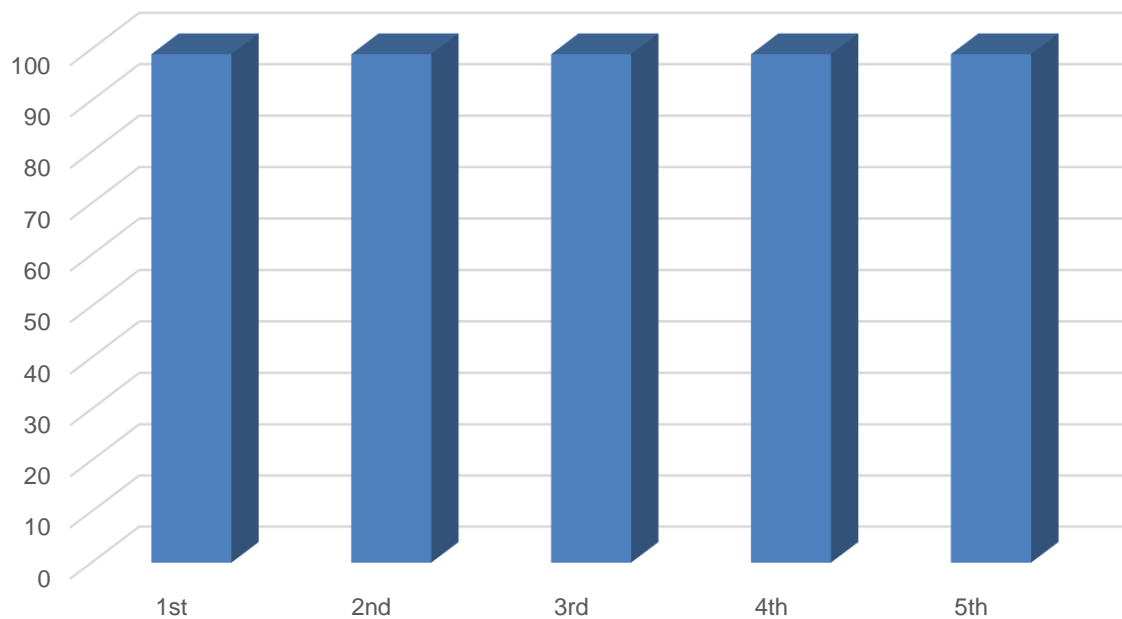


Catalyst	Yield (%)					
	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	CuOTf	Y(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>
Normal Stirrer + Powdered Catalyst	61	36	25	23	49	37
3D Stirrer Bead + Powdered Catalyst	64	54	33	25	62	52
Catalyst impregnated 3D Stirrer Bead	78	76	37	34	65	56

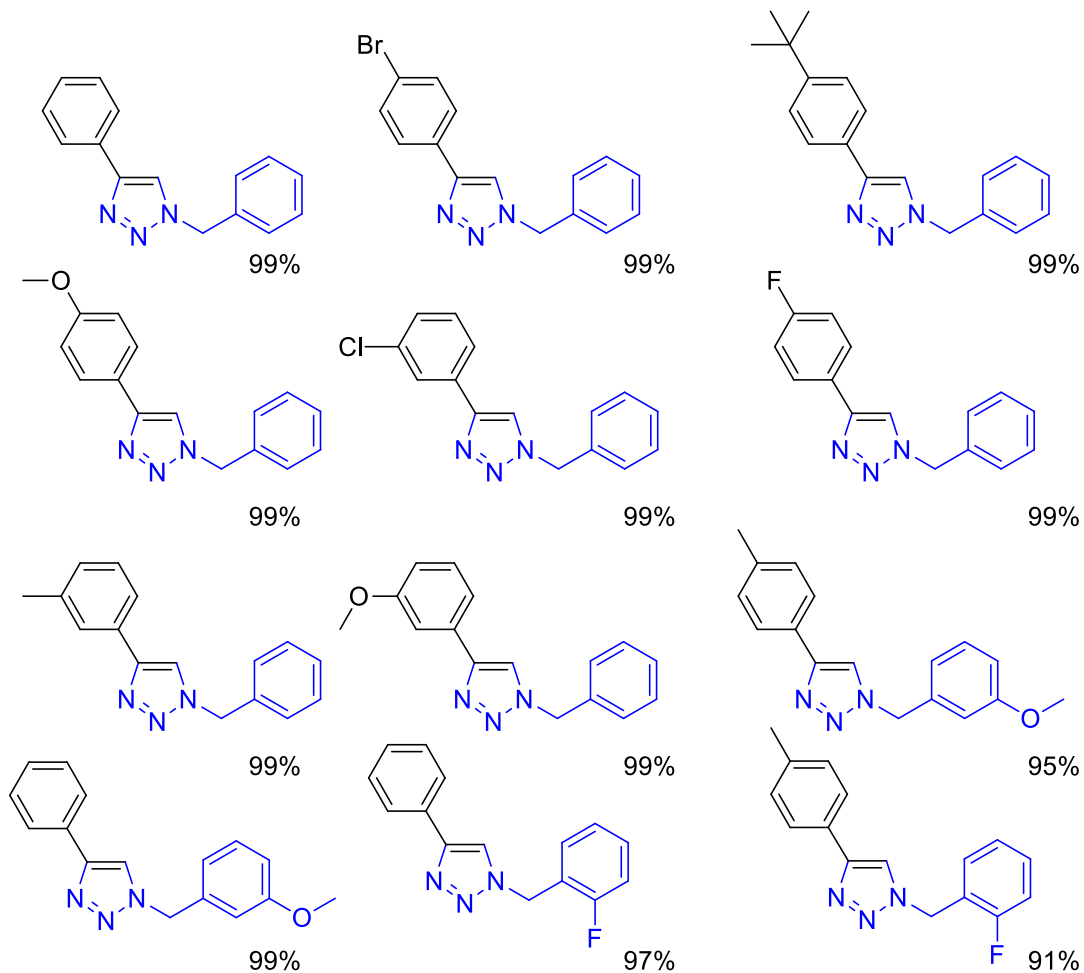
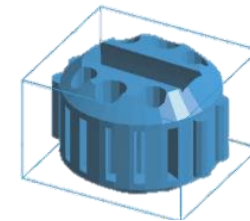
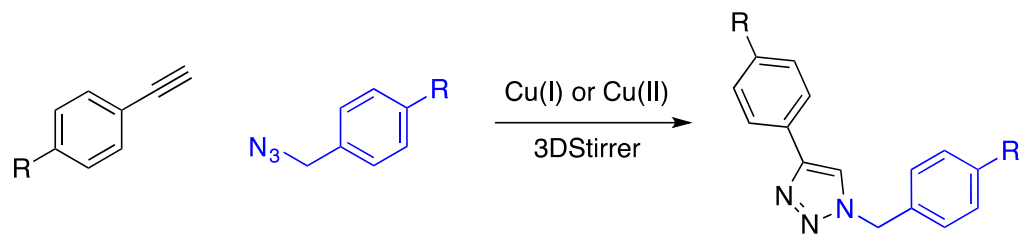
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Chemistry



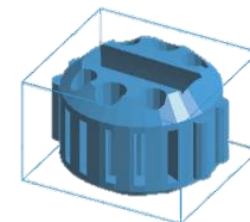
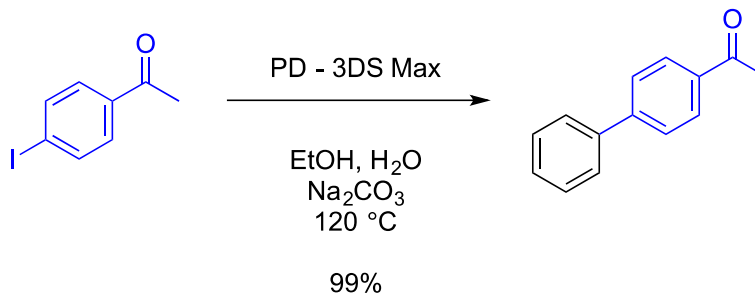
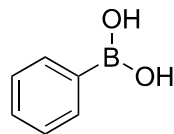
Reuse of Copper Click Catalytic Stirrer Beads



Click  
Chemistry



Palladium  
Chemistry



## Suzuki coupling

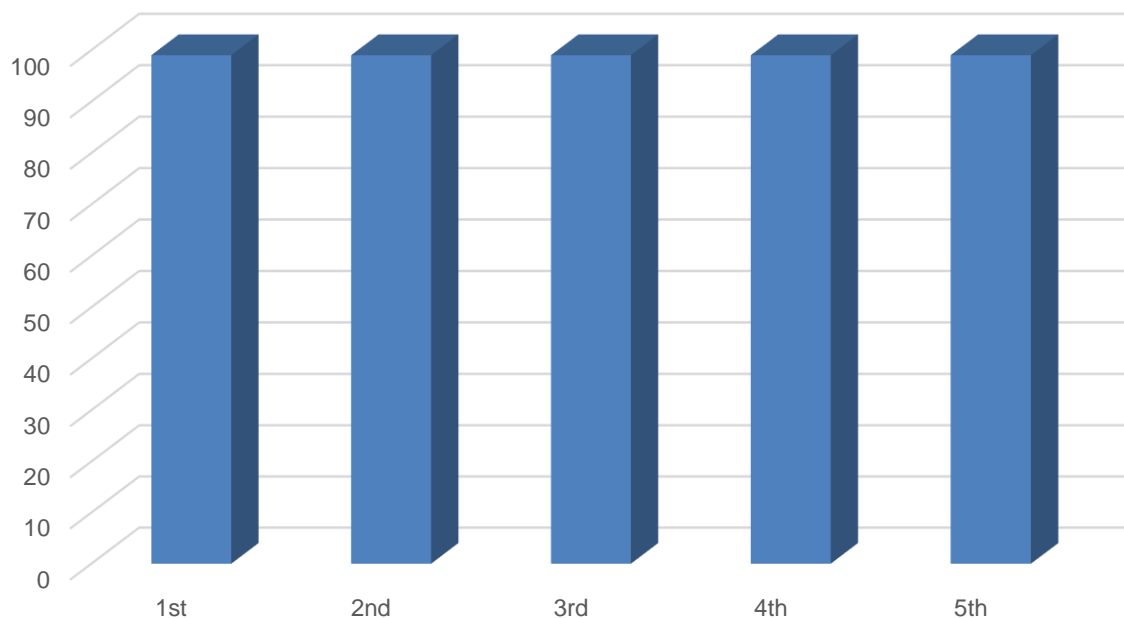
**0.25% Loading of  
Tetrakis Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>  
Per bead**

**Stable at room  
temperature**

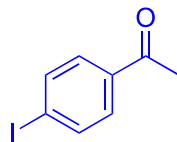
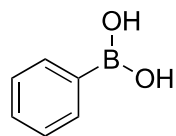
**Reusable up to 5 times**

**Average 99%**

Reuse of Pd Tetrakis Catalytic Stirrer Beads

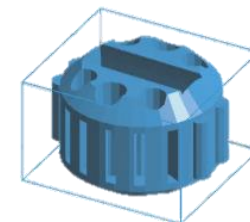
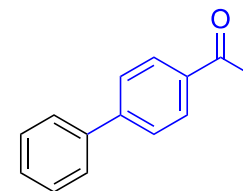


Palladium  
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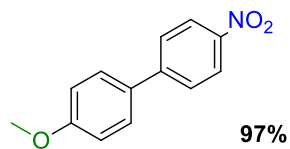
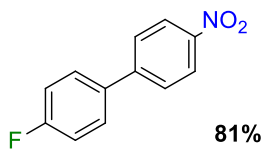
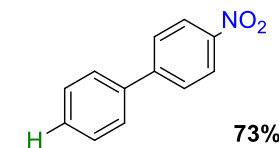
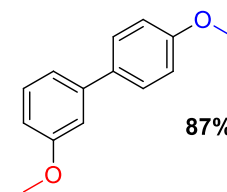
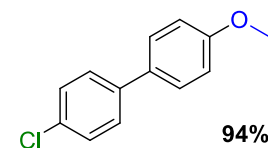
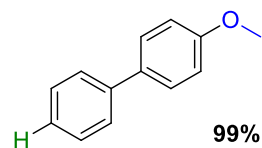
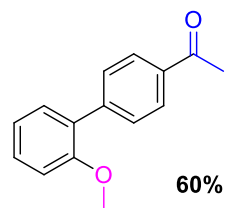
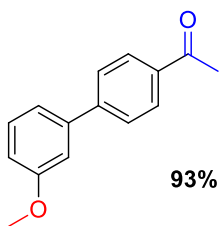
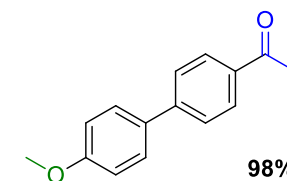
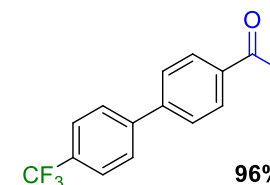
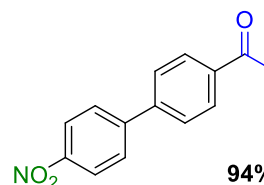
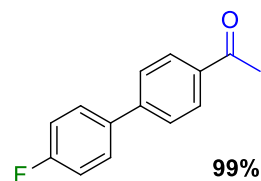
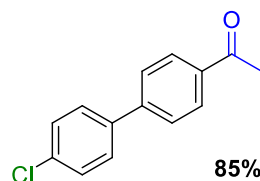
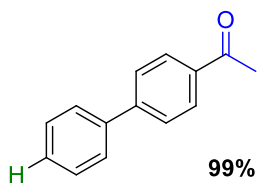


PD - 3DS Max

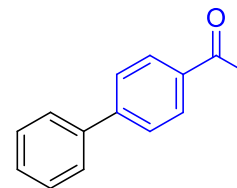
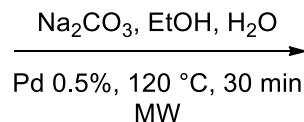
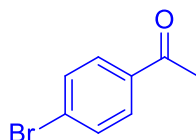
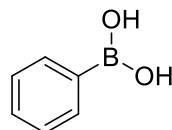
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Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
120 °C



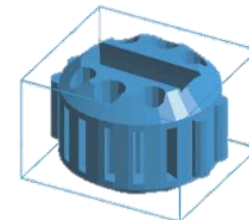
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Palladium  
Chemistry



99%

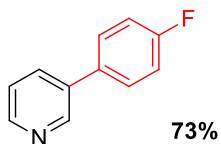


Microwave acceleration/ enhancement

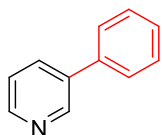
**Suzuki coupling**

**Bromides – lower Yielding**

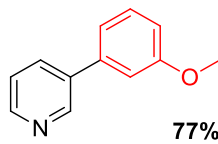
**Microwave – reduction in time – 12 hours to 20-30 minutes**



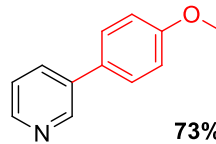
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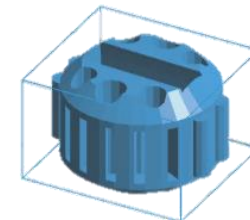
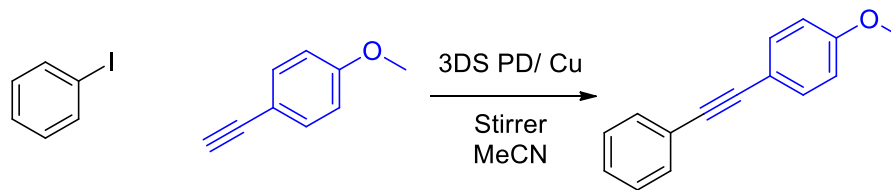
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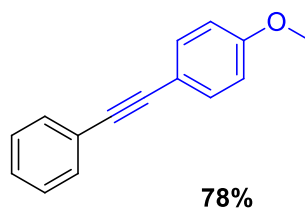
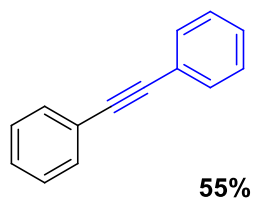
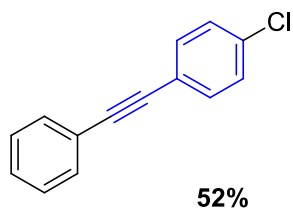
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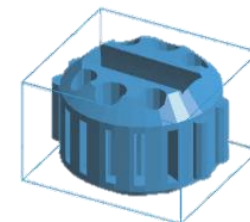
## Microwave Reaction

**Combination of Pd and Copper catalysts in the same bead**

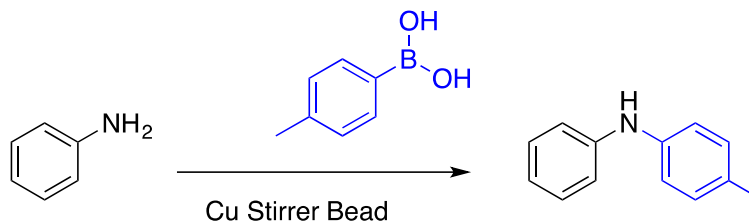
**2 hours 50-80% yields**



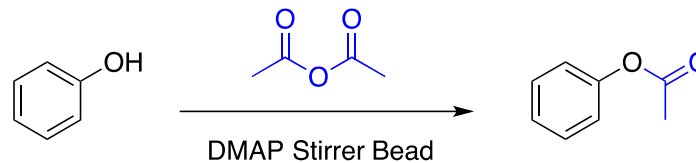
## Additional Reactions



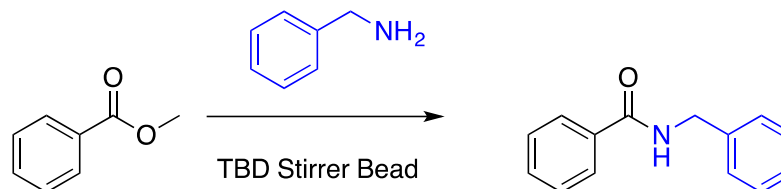
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Ester  
Formation



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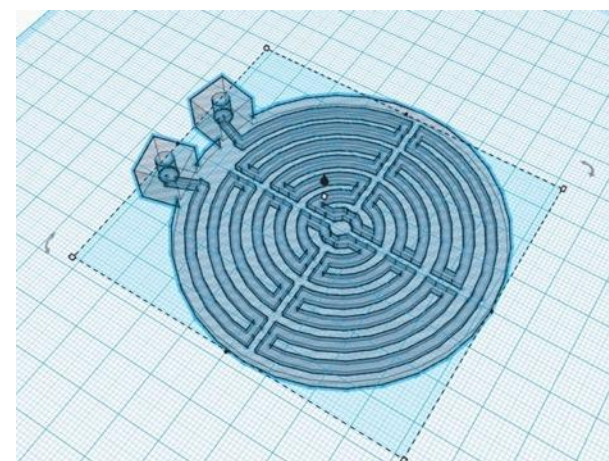
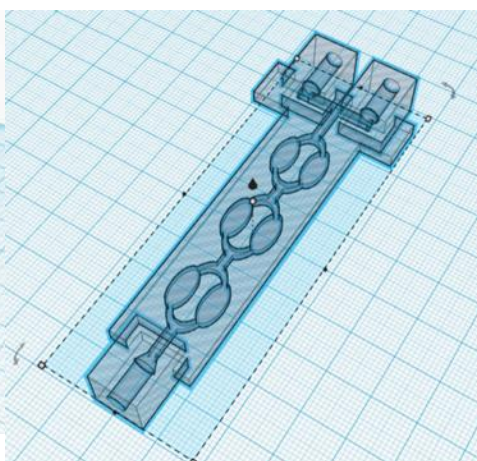
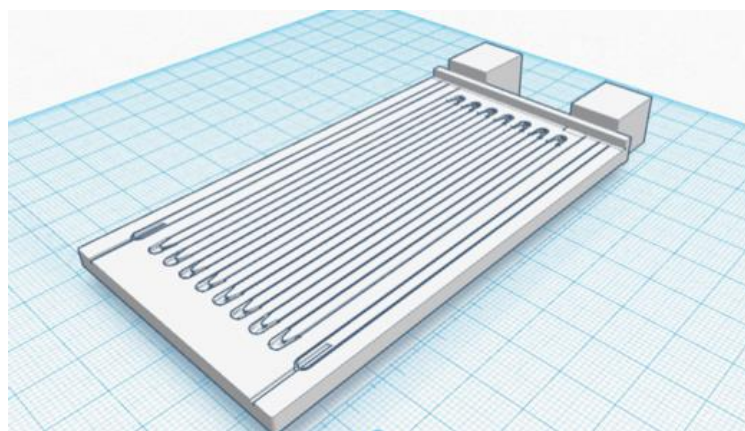


## Reactor Design

**Ability to Print any shape and reactor size**

**Incorporation of PEEK fittings/  
screw threads**

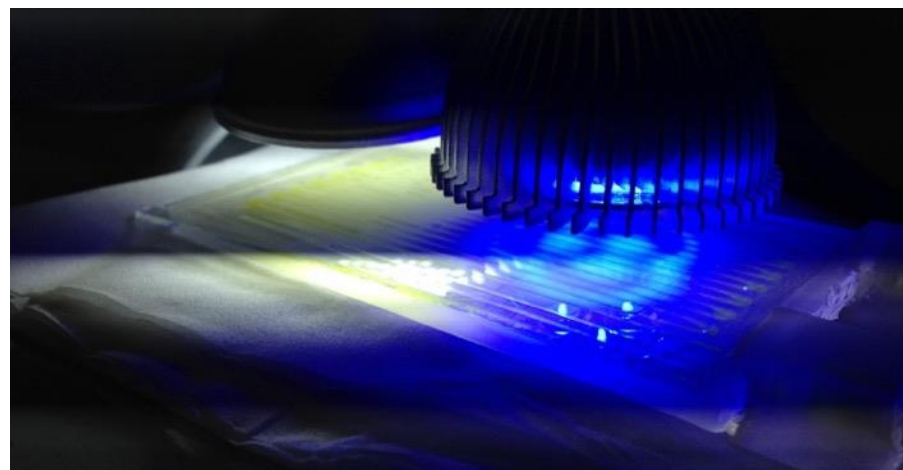
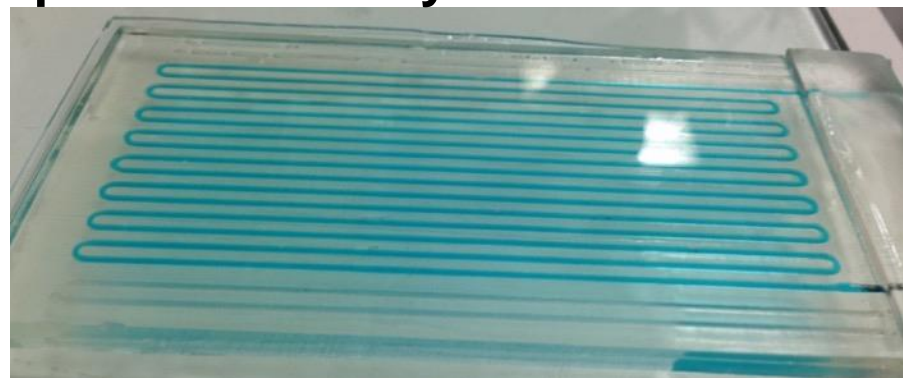
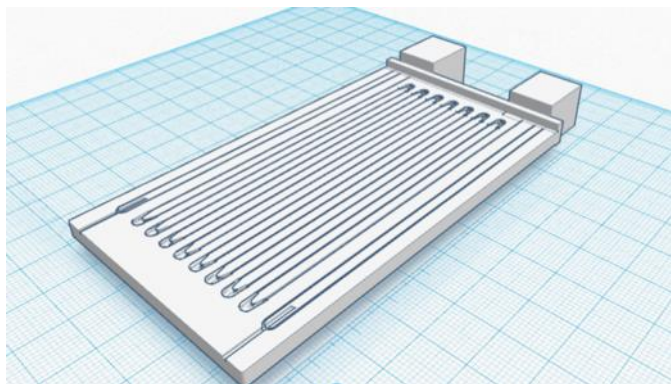
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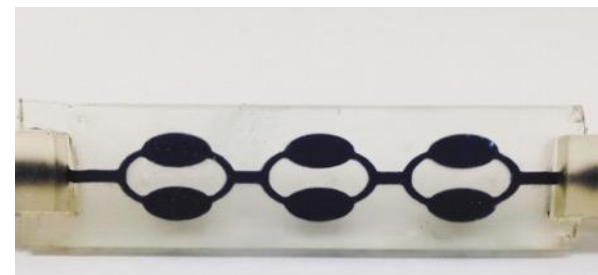
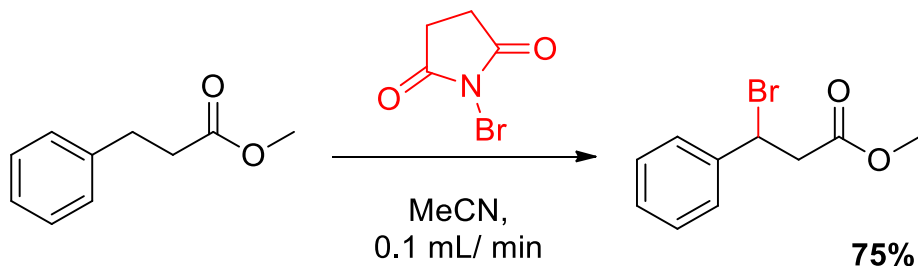


## Extension into Flow Chemistry

### Chemically Inert Polymer

Flow Photochemistry via attachment to glass top over reactor bed – DCE as solvent in photodecarboxylation

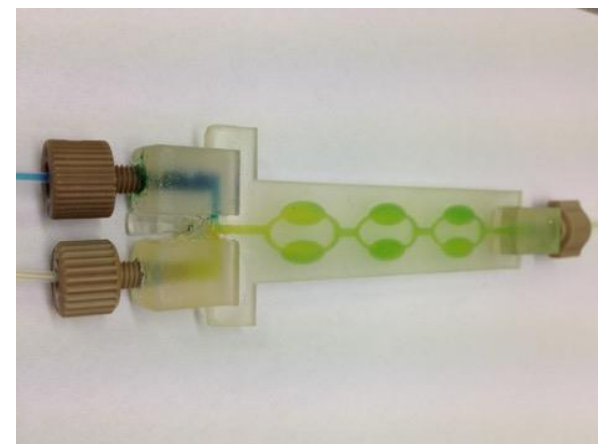


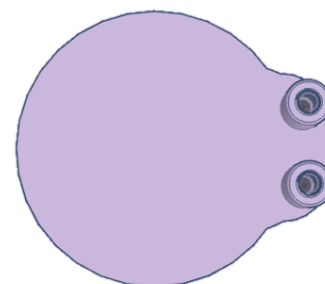
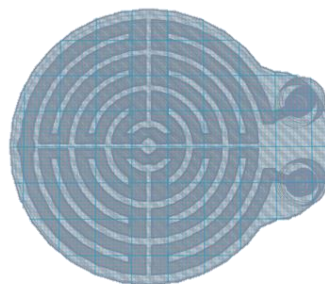


## Single Split-wide reactor

## Actinic bulb – scale up via additional Reactors

## Catalytic reactors – containing Zinc triflate

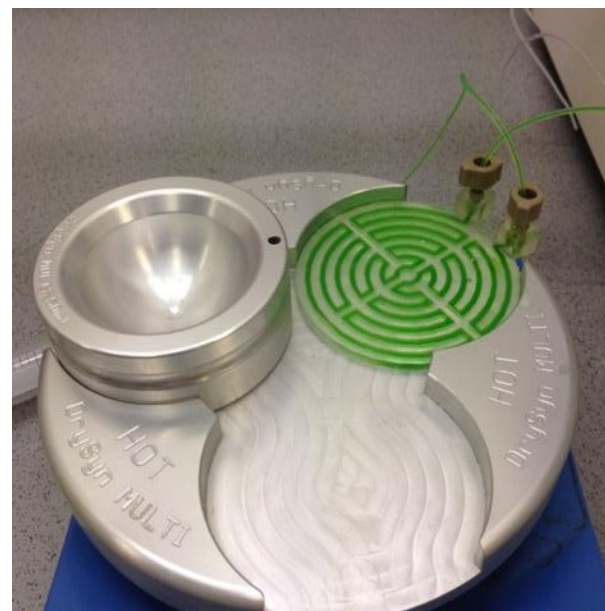
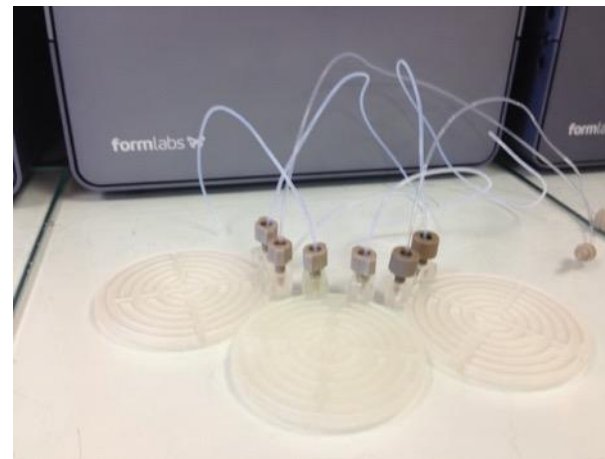
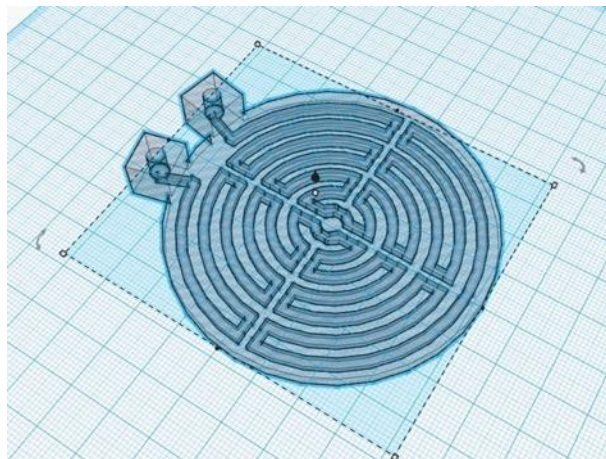




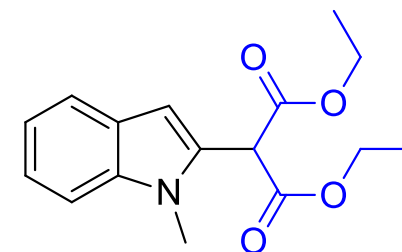
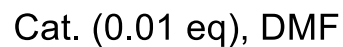
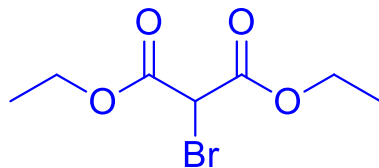
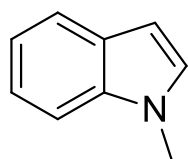
- Flow Photochemistry
- Catalytic Flow Chemistry
- Stable up to 20 bar
- Readily configurable
- Built and designed with peek fitting threads
- Can be easily linked
- Modified flow path



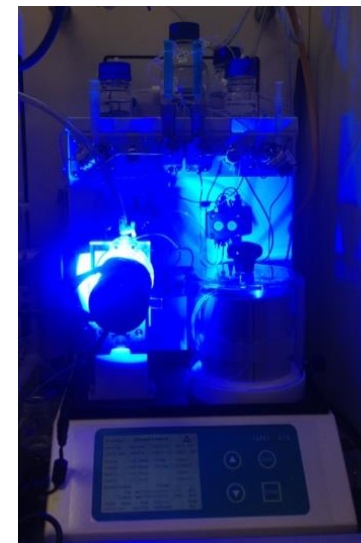
## DrySyn Flow Reactors for Catalysis in Flow using Impregnated Catalysts



## Flow Photochemistry



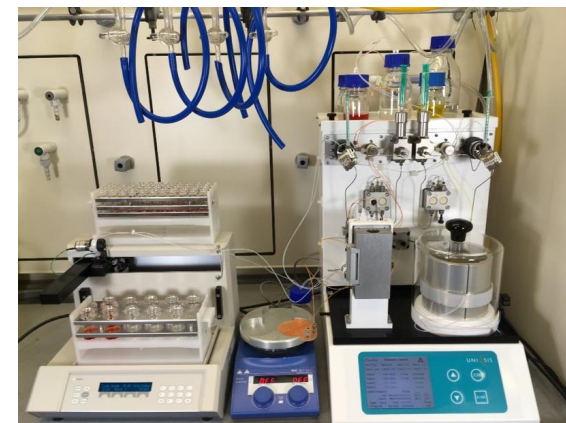
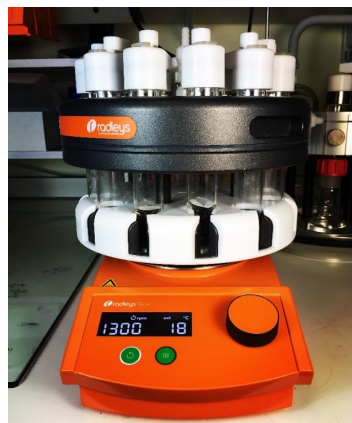
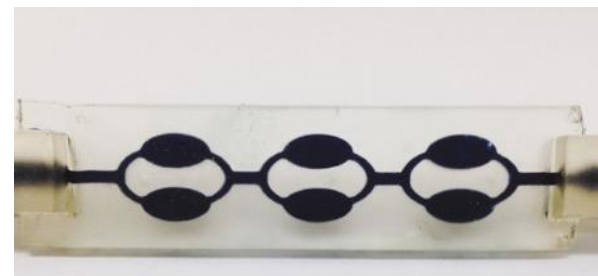
- Suitable with DMF- 16 bar pressure
- Actinic bulb with cooling
- Flow rates 0.1 - 0.05mL/min
- Yields ~80%



## 3D Printed And Catalysis

Great potential in the efficient catalysis of a wide array of reaction classes.

Low cost and applicable to both batch and continuous flow



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